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Bangladesh missions in India witness protests

Dhaka summons Indian envoy, seeks 'thorough' probe as VHP, Bajrang Dal activists stage protest outside missions in Delhi and other cities; India 'calls in' Bangladesh envoy for a 'cordial discussion'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Alisha Dutta
NEW DELHI

Hundreds of supporters of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and the Bajrang Dal gathered near the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi on Tuesday and demanded safety for the minority Hindu community in Bangladesh.

Protests were also held outside the Bangladesh Deputy High Commissions in Kolkata and Mumbai.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh summoned the Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka, Pranay Verma, and lodged a strong protest.

Dhaka urged India to ensure security of its diplomatic staff and called for a "thorough" investigation into the protests. "Bangladesh condemns such acts of premeditated violence or intimidation against diplomatic establishments, which not only endanger the safety of diplomatic personnel but also undermine the principles of mutual respect and values of peace and tolerance," said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka in a statement after Mr. Verma met Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Asad Alam Siam.

VHP and Bajrang Dal activists protest near the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi on Tuesday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Security measures

In Delhi, a senior officer told *The Hindu* that additional 1,500 police officials were deployed to deal with the protesters who were stopped around 800 metres from the main gate of the Bangladesh mission.

The External Affairs Ministry also "called in" Riaz Hamidullah, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh, on Tuesday and conveyed its position on the controversy regarding the murder of radical leader Sharif Osman Hadi, saying that blaming India without any evidence has created diplomatic challenges and could have been avoided, official sources said. Trying to de-escalate the tension, officials here refused to describe the meeting with Mr. Hamidullah as "summoning" and said that "he was called for a cordial discussion".

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India pledges $450 million to aid Sri Lanka's recovery

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

India on Tuesday announced a $450-million "reconstruction package" for Sri Lanka to help the island nation recover from the devastating impact of Cyclone Ditwah, which claimed at least 643 lives and displaced scores of people.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who is in Colombo as special envoy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, made the announcement Tuesday morning, shortly after he called on President Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

Posting on social media platform X, the Sri Lankan leader described India's gesture as "a new chapter" in India-Sri Lanka relations and said he conveyed Sri Lanka's "deep gratitude" to Prime Minister Modi and the Government of India for their "swift, compassionate support".

India's post-cyclone reconstruction package includes $350 million worth of "concessional Lines of Credit" and $100 million in grants, targeting sectors most affected in the climate shock incident that ripped through the island in late November.

Even as Cyclone Ditwah made landfall on November 28, 2025, India swiftly mobilised its military personnel and resources – who were active for over two weeks on the island – to support Sri Lankan authorities in rescue operations, including in remote, inundated areas.

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Anti-terror policy to be out soon

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Centre is finalising India's anti-terror policy to provide a template for States to combat and respond to terror attacks and related incidents, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

Digital radicalisation, misuse of open borders, and conversion networks funded by foreign players are among the key issues being discussed in the run-up to the policy's release. The NIA is also organising an anti-terror conference on December 26 and 27 in Delhi where the contours of the policy are likely to be shared.

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Permission denied for hosting Vijay Hazare Trophy match at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has denied permission to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) to host a match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy on December 24 at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh announced the government's decision on Tuesday. "Following the stampede during the victory celebrations of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in June, that killed 11 persons, Justice Michael D'Cunha had made some recommendations. The police had also made some recommendations and put down a list of 17 corrective measures. Since none of them have been implemented, permission is denied," Mr. Singh said.

The Police Commisioner said since none of the recommendations and corrective measures have been implemented, permission has been denied to host the cricket match.

KSCA had requested the government of Karnataka to allow the match between Delhi and Andhra Pradesh to be held at the stadium, at least without any audience.

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara had formed a six-member committee led by Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao to inspect the stadium and submit a report on December 22. The inspection was conducted on December 22 afternoon and the report submitted late night. Based on these reports, a decision was taken on December 23 morning not to allow the match to be held in the stadium, sources said.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, KSCA said they look forward to receiving the detailed inputs, observations, and recommendations from the Review Committee and assured that all such recommendations will be implemented in a structured and time-bound manner.

With permission being denied at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Delhi's first two games of the Vijay Hazare Trophy will now be held at the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Centre of Excellence (CoE) in the city's outskirts. Delhi's match against Andhra Pradesh on December 24 and Gujarat on December 26 will be played behind closed doors as the BCCI CoE doesn't have spectator seating.

95 lakh voters deleted from draft rolls of 3 States, 1 U.T.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

About 95 lakh names have been excluded from the draft electoral rolls in Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Andaman and Nicobar which were published on Tuesday as part of the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) exercise.

In Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 64,000 electors were removed. In Kerala, names of 24.08 lakh from among 2.78 crore voters were deleted. Of the 2.12 crore electors in Chhattisgarh, 27.34 lakh names were dropped, and in Madhya Pradesh, 42.74 lakh electors were struck off. The voters whose names have been deleted can apply for re-inclusion. The electoral officers will take a final decision on the applications and the final rolls will be issued on February 14, 2026.

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A bittersweet Test for Australia's Lyon-hearted spinner

The off-spinner, besides taking five wickets to help Australia retain the Ashes, went past McGrath's tally to become the country's second-highest wicket-taker during the third Test at the Adelaide Oval — a venue where he was once a groundsman. However, a hamstring injury on the final day was a cruel blow that will see the 38-year-old miss the Melbourne and Sydney Tests

GETTY IMAGES

Vivek Krishnan

Nathan Lyon knew immediately. As soon as he dived at full stretch to his right at fine-leg to prevent Jamie Smith's pull from reaching the boundary in the 77th over of England's second innings at the Adelaide Oval on Sunday, a slight grimace betrayed the sense that he wasn't quite right. He threw the ball back to wicketkeeper Alex Carey whilst still on his knees and instantly clutched his right hamstring.

When he did get back up on his feet, he couldn't do much more than limp a couple of steps before signalling towards the dressing room for help and hobbling outside the field of play. As Marnus Labuschagne, who went up to the 38-year-old to check on him, disclosed to the host broadcaster later, Lyon knew then and there that he would play no further part in the game. "I think I have done my hammy," Lyon told Labuschagne grimly.

By the time Australia took the final wicket of Josh Tongue later in the afternoon to retain the Ashes in just 11 days, Lyon was on crutches. Having made a quick visit to the hospital for a scan, he returned to the venue in time to witness the winning moment and willed himself back onto the park to congratulate his euphoric teammates. As chuffed as he would have been about Australia getting over the line, it was cruel for the Test to end the way it did for Lyon personally.

Having very much helped set up the win with his exploits on the penultimate evening - this is his fourth consecutive Ashes series victory at home - he would have dearly loved to be on the outfield to soak in the moments leading up to victory. Moreover, this was the Test that saw him surpass Glenn McGrath's tally of 563 wickets to go up to No. 2 in the list of Australia's highest wicket-takers. To have accomplished the feat at the Adelaide Oval, a venue that he tended to as a groundsman before his Test debut, ought to have been a highlight not marred by his injury.

Decisive spell

In the final session of the fourth day, Lyon had been the wrecker-in-chief, removing Harry Brook, Ben Stokes and Zak Crawley in the space of six overs to essentially ensure that the hosts had one hand on the urn. Until Lyon's dismissal of Brook, England had done reasonably well to get to 176 for three in 47 overs in pursuit of a record target of 435. Brook and Crawley had negotiated Lyon effectively, sweeping and reverse-sweeping routinely to throw the off-spinner off his lines and lengths. His figures in the fourth innings were unflattering before his opening breakthrough: 10-1-49-0.

But there is a reason why Lyon has been snaring Test wickets for a living for 14 years. Off the second ball of a new spell to Brook, he altered his line a tad wider of off-stump and had the 26-year-old reaching out for one reverse sweep too many. Adding to his catalogue of ungainly dismissals in this series, England's impetuous No. 5 lost his balance and looked back in disbelief once the ball hit his leg stump.

Just four overs later, it was the turn of Stokes to look on in disbelief. As is often his reaction when the stumps are dislodged, the England skipper couldn't quite believe his eyes when Lyon produced a ball that spun past his defence and clattered off-pole. It was a ripper alright, but truth be told, Stokes was neither forward nor back, a fallibility in his footwork versus spin that has now brought about 10 dismissals against the Australian in 23 encounters.

If at all he was disputing Lyon's propensity to produce such deliveries, all he had to do was to hark back to the first innings of this Test when the wily tweaker dismissed his namesake, Ben Duckett, in similar fashion. The ball to the England opener will likely be etched in Lyon's memory for a long time, for it was the breakthrough that took him past McGrath. With Crawley's stumping late on day four being the last of his five wickets across the two innings, Lyon has moved along to 567 wickets in 141 Tests.

Second to Warne

Remarkably now, only the late Shane Warne, whose 708 scalps came in 145 Tests at an average of 25.41, stands above Lyon in the pantheon of Australia's most prolific wicket-takers. It is worth remembering that in the period between Warne's exit in 2007 and Lyon's entry in 2011, Australia went through spinners with the frequency of a chameleon changing colour, yearning desperately to find a worthy successor to the irreverent genius from Victoria.

While Lyon isn't Warne - no one can fill those proverbial big shoes - he has optimised his attributes to carve a career that will be just as hard to emulate for the men to follow. Looking back, Lyon's first two years were riddled with bumps, and when he was dropped for the opening Ashes Test of the 2013 series in England, he seemed set to go down the path of his immediate predecessors. But Australia was shrewd enough to realise its folly and bring Lyon back for the third Test of that series against Alastair Cook and Co. The turning point for the spinner came in the reverse Ashes just a few months later, where he proved to be an able foil to the Mitchell Johnson-led pace battery and claimed 19 wickets in a 5-0 whitewash at home.

Starting from the middle of the English summer in 2013, Lyon has evolved into a near-permanent presence in Australia's playing XI, with the Lord's Test in 2023 marking his 100th successive appearance in whites. Not dissimilar to the mishap in Adelaide, it was only a calf injury while fielding during England's first innings at Lord's that curtailed his incredible streak and prompted a premature end to his series two years ago.

Lyon's success over a long Test career is proof that there is still a place for an off-spinner in the classical mould in the modern game. While he is one of three off-spinners with more than 500 wickets in Test history, he doesn't possess Muttiah Muralitharan's big-spinning off-break or deadly doosra. Neither does he have the repertoire to experiment as R. Ashwin did. But what he does have is a stock ball, armed with overspin and drift, that he backs himself to deliver at a desired spot at any given juncture. It has held him in good stead in a land usually unforgiving to his tribe: his record of 273 wickets in 74 Tests at 31.08 in Australia is in marked contrast to a host of visiting off-spinners of repute who have travelled to those shores.

Unusually, though, he has been dropped from a couple of Tests in recent months. Having claimed a match haul of six for 117 in the second Test against West Indies at Grenada in July, Lyon was benched for the third Test in Jamaica as the Aussies opted for an all-pace attack with the pink ball. Australia's selector on tour, Tony Dodemaide, described Lyon's omission as a "one-off".

But when the team had to be picked for the second Ashes Test in Brisbane two weeks ago - another day-night affair -- Lyon was again left out. To say Lyon wasn't pleased with the call would be an understatement. "Absolutely filthy," he told broadcaster Channel 7 of his reaction to the omission.

Long road to recovery

It will be all the more infuriating, then, that just as he had begun getting back into his groove in Adelaide, the injury has thrown another curve ball. On Tuesday, Lyon underwent surgery as Cricket Australia confirmed that he will be sidelined for an "extended period". In Lyon's place, the bespectacled Todd Murphy, who has played seven Tests so far, has been drafted into the squad for the next two games in Melbourne and Sydney.

Coach Andrew McDonald weighed in on Lyon's road to recovery. "The surgeon will give us a report and a rough length of time. It is going to take a lot of hard work with that type of injury. It is going to be a hard period for him to get back to where he was," he told the Australian media on Tuesday. At the same time, McDonald knows that Lyon's will to keep going hasn't dimmed in the slightest. A five-Test tour of India, where Lyon has never won a series, in early 2027 is a target that the offie had long identified. "Lyon still wants to do it. That's the main thing. India is on the horizon. He will be a key part of that," McDonald added. "In Adelaide, it was probably the best I had seen him bowl for a little while in terms of the shape and energy he had on the ball. He will get through this rehab and then look forward to what it looks like."

THE GIST

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Rhino dehorning nearly eliminated poaching in African reserves: study

Reserves that removed the horns of rhinos reported a 75% decrease in poaching compared to the pre-dehorning levels. In the seven reserves that implemented abrupt dehorning (within one to two months), poaching fell by 78%. Dehorned rhinos also faced a 95% lower risk of being poached compared to animals with intact horns

Sanjukta Mondal

Once upon a time, the thunder of the hooves of lakhs of mighty rhinoceroses echoed across the savannahs, grasslands, and tropical forests of Africa and Asia – but things have gotten pretty quiet lately. As of 2024, fewer than 28,000 rhinos remain on the planet, all five species combined.

Relentless poaching has been a major threat to the survival of rhinos around the world. Greater Kruger, the southern African reserves protecting the world's largest rhino population, alone lost 1,985 black and white rhinos between 2017 and 2023. That's nearly 6.5% of the rhino population disappearing each year, despite an investment of $74 million in anti-poaching strategies, including ranger patrols, trained tracking dogs, AI-powered detection cameras, and aerial surveillance.

One approach that has shown promise is dehorning. An international team of researchers recently collected data over seven years from 11 reserves in the South African portion of the Greater Kruger region and found that dehorning significantly reduced poaching incidents by removing the primary incentive for poachers.

Nelson Mandela University senior lecturer and study member Tim Kuiper said the idea for their project arose from an urgent need on the ground: "The managers, rangers and scientists [at Kruger National Park] came together and asked a bold question: why are we still losing so many rhinos? What can we do differently?"

The team found that dehorning 2,284 rhinos across eight reserves resulted in a sudden 78% drop in poaching, achieved with just 1.2% of the total anti-poaching budget. The findings were published in *Science*.

Rangers manage Quintus, a 3-year-old male white rhino, which has just been tranquillised at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, in Meru County, Kenya. REUTERS

Illegal rhino horns

Rhinoceroses' horns are made of keratin, the same fibrous protein found in hair and nails. The animals use them to dig to access edible plants and roots, and as a symbol of virility during mating.

Some people also perceive rhino horns as status symbols. Many practitioners of traditional medicine in certain Asian countries, but especially China and Vietnam, also include rhino horns in their preparations because they believe the horn treats everything from fever and gout to more mystical issues like possession. There is no scientific evidence to back any of these claims, but that has not stopped a global black market worth hundreds of millions of dollars still persists.

One 2022 report by the Wildlife Justice Commission found that the wholesale trade in raw rhino horns between 2012 and 2022 generated between $874 million and $1.13 billion in gross illicit income.

Why poachers kill

The researchers behind the new study said the demand for rhino horns plus poverty in many local communities creates financial pressures that drive people to risk everything, sometimes their lives, to poach or support poachers.

To remove a rhino's horn without causing harm, conservationists and veterinarians sedate, blindfold, and fit the animal with earplugs to reduce stress. Then they carefully cut 90-93% of the horn with a saw, above the germinal layer, which is the living tissue at the horn's base that's essential for it to regrow. After trimming, the remaining stump is smoothed and coated with a tarry substance to prevent infections.

Poachers often operate under intense pressure, so killing the rhino allows them to remove the entire horn without resistance.

Dehorning against poaching

To assess the effectiveness of dehorning in reducing poaching, the researchers analysed quarterly data from 2017 to 2023 across 11 wildlife reserves. Using a powerful statistical method called hierarchical Bayesian regression modelling, they compared reserves that dehorned rhinos with those that didn't, tracking changes in poaching before and after the intervention.

Reserves that removed the horns reported a 75% drop in poaching versus pre-dehorning levels. In the seven reserves that implemented abrupt dehorning (within one to two months), poaching fell off by 78%. Dehorned rhinos also faced a 95% lower risk of being poached compared to those with intact horns.

While arresting poachers remains a part of the anti-poaching toolkit, they weren't found to be as effective at deterring poachers. Researchers said this could be because systemic issues and corruption create loopholes that traffickers can exploit to avoid detection

In another striking finding, while efforts to detect and arrest poachers remain a crucial part of the anti-poaching toolkit, they weren't found to be as effective at actually deterring poachers. The researchers said this could be because systemic issues and corruption create loopholes that traffickers can exploit to avoid detection. Weak criminal justice systems also make it worse, often allowing poachers to escape with little or no meaningful punishment.

Conservation with locals

Kaziranga National Park in Assam, home to one of the world's largest populations of greater one-horned rhinos, has also suffered poaching.

Bibhab Kumar Talukdar, an International Union for Conservation of Nature awardee and rhino conservationist, said that while poaching still claims over 400 rhinos a year, India and Nepal have lost only one or two over the last three years. Kaziranga's success has been attributed to smart patrolling and active community engagement. Partnerships of local communities and park authorities have helped mitigate human-wildlife conflict.

"So why should India or Nepal need dehorning" Mr. Talukdar asked.

The efforts required extensive groundwork, involving more than 1,000 hours in workshops and discussions with reserve staff and rangers on how to collect and interpret data. The labour-intensive nature of such research highlights the need to involve those on the ground in conservation efforts. Rangers in particular are often locals and possess regional ecological knowledge, but this resource remains underutilised.

Dr. Kuiper said rangers are the frontline defenders of conservation. Their welfare, including fair pay, training, and safety, must be prioritised alongside interventions, as lasting success depends on supporting the people who implement these strategies.

The researchers also noted that while dehorning might not be a silver bullet, as poachers may still target rhinos for the small horn remnants, it shows strong potential as a long-term strategy. They believe the study's findings can help governments and wildlife protection agencies make more informed decisions about allocating resources and assessing the effectiveness of interventions.

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India and Nepal, however, have chosen not to dehorn, because their local programmes have been successful. They have lost only one or two rhinos over the last three years. Kaziranga's success has been attributed to smart patrolling and community engagement

BIG SHOT

A native forest along the Strait of Magellan, near the Brunswick Peninsula, where Chile plans to create Cape Froward National Park to protect roughly 150,000 hectares of forests, peatlands, glaciers, and coastline in collaboration with Rewilding Chile, in Punta Arenas, Chile. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

Yawn worthy of tears

Q: Why does yawning cause watery eyes?

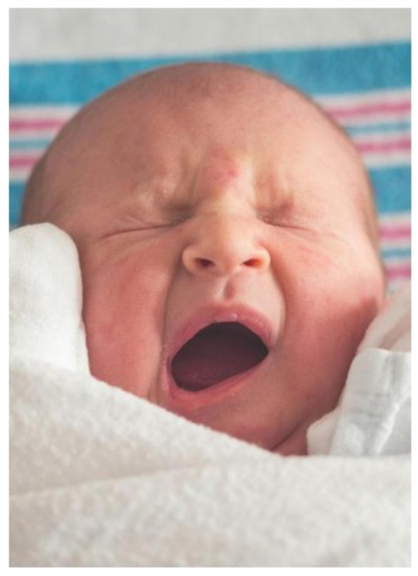
A: You've just had a heavy meal and now you have to sit through a dull lecture. Soon you're feeling drowsy. You yawn, and your eyes water.

This happens because yawning affects the muscles and glands around the eyes.

Just above each eye is a tissue called the lacrimal gland. These glands produce water and water-soluble proteins. Our tears consist of three 'layers': the aqueous layer from the lacrimal glands, and an oily layer and a mucus layer. These tears protect the eyes from dust, irritants, and microbes that may cause infections.

When you yawn, your facial muscles scrunch up and press on the lacrimal glands. This pressure causes the glands to release more of the aqueous layer. At the same time, the muscles' movement briefly blocks the tear duct at the inner corner of the eye, near the nose. This duct normally drains tears away. The temporary block however causes the tears to collect on the surface of the eye. When you open your eyes after yawning, the excess tears spill over and roll down your cheeks.

Yawning is not (only) something we do when we are tired or bored. It also has important functions for the body. Scientists have found that yawning might help cool the brain when its temperature increases. It also relieves the discomfort in the ear during rapid altitude changes in airplanes and elevators, by opening the tubes in the ears, allowing the difference in air pressure to balance out.



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Industry & MSMEs

National Division for Industry Excellence

Empowering India's Economic Backbone-Our 6 Crore+ MSMEs

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QCI to mentor & support Tier-2 & Tier-3 suppliers to achieve ZED and Lean certification

Making Indian products ready for global standards
1,00,000 MSMEs and **SHGs (ODOP)** to be trained in quality, packaging and branding in 2026

Shop floor Best Practices Playbook for MSMEs
Empowering every small business to get accustomed to global quality practices, strengthening everyday shop floor performance

Reducing Fees for ZED and Lean Certification
Ensuring access affordability, quality and recognition to India's last mile entrepreneur

National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies

Ensuring Local Products Reach Global Markets

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of rural residents' jobs at risk under VB-G RAM G

12 In crore. The Congress claimed that around 12 crore rural residents could lose their right to guaranteed employment under the new VB-G RAM G Act. According to the party, the Centre will now decide the allocation of work instead of local bodies, reducing States' and panchayats' role. PTI

Number of new documents related to Epstein list released

8,000 The U.S. Justice Department has released at least 8,000 new documents linked to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein under the Epstein Files Transparency Act. Lawmakers and victims have criticised delays and redactions. AFP

Fraud conducted by fake call centre busted by Delhi Police

1 In ₹ crore. Delhi Police busted a fake call centre and arrested 10 people for allegedly cheating victims across India by posing as insurance officials. The gang used forged logos and documents of bodies such as the RBI, IRDAI and Delhi High Court to gain trust and extract money for fake policy settlements. PTI

HDFC's corporate social responsibility spending in FY25

1,068 In ₹ crore. HDFC Bank spent ₹1,068.03 crore on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives in FY25, an increase of ₹123 crore over the previous year. With this, the bank's cumulative CSR spending reached ₹6,176 crore as of March 31, 2025. PTI

Prisoners set for release in a swap deal in Yemen

3,000 Yemen's Houthi rebels and the government have agreed to a prisoner exchange involving 3,000 detainees. 1,700 Houthi prisoners will be exchanged for 1,200 held by the government. AFP

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How exports are concentrated in few States

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ECONOMIC NOTES

Deepanshu Mohan
Ankur Singh

Despite a weakening rupee that has put India in the bracket of Asian countries with the worst performing currency, the economy's export numbers look impressive in the aggregate. However, a closer reading of the data reveals a far more uneven and structurally revealing story. When stripped of national aggregates, the data reveals a sharp divergence in performance across regions. A rigorous interrogation of the RBI Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2024-25 reveals underlying structural dynamics.

A core-periphery pattern

The geography of India's trade is becoming perilously lopsided as the export engine is being powered by a shrinking cluster of States. The top five exporters – Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh – now command nearly 70% of the national export basket. This creates a deceptive narrative where the national average masks a deepening regional crisis – where exports are becoming agglomerated rather than being dispersed across the nation. Firms are increasingly benefiting from spatial clustering, and not spreading out to newer regions.

Half a decade ago, the top five States contributed roughly 65% of national exports. That figure has now crept close to 70%. In technical terms, the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI), a standard metric used to gauge market concentration, of India's export geography is rising, signalling that India's export geography is becoming dangerously top-heavy. Instead of regions which are lagging behind trying to catch up to these States, we are witnessing a hardening core-periphery pattern. The coastal belts of the south and west are integrating tighter into global supply chains while the vast demographic heartland of the north and the east are effectively decoupling from the trade engine.

To understand why this divergence is accelerating, one must look beyond domestic policy to the tightening constraints of today's global trading environment.

Shifting from volume to value

The window for low-skill, labour-intensive industrialisation that allowed countries like Bangladesh or Vietnam to plug into the world economy is closing. WTO data indicates a structural slowing of merchandise trade volume growth to a band of 0.5-3%. The UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) 2023 report estimates show that the top 10 global exporters control approximately 55% of world merchandise trade. In this environment, global capital is not merely seeking low-cost labour which was the traditional advantage of India's hinterland. In today's global economy, capital is no longer drawn merely to low costs but to high economic complexity. Research in economic complexity shows that economies with more diverse and tightly connected export baskets are far better positioned to transition into higher-value production.

Product space visualisations reveal a networked structure in which sophisticated goods, such as machinery and automotive components, cluster in dense core areas, enabling relatively smooth movement into adjacent advanced technologies. In contrast, regions whose export baskets are concentrated in sparsely connected, peripheral areas face steep barriers to structural upgrading, as they lack the underlying capabilities required to enter complex value chains.

Thriving industry: Cars to be loaded in to wagons at the Rail Auto Hub, in the Walajabad Railway Station, in Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu in 2019. FILE PHOTO

The tragedy of this divergence is compounded by a shift in the nature of production itself. It undermines the long-held assumption that export expansion would automatically absorb surplus labour. For decades, development theory assumed export expansion would serve as the primary bridge from agriculture to mass industrial employment. That link is now broken.

We are witnessing a clear trend of capital deepening where the ratio of capital to labour increases permanently. The Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2022-23 data reveals a "smoking gun" where fixed capital investment grew by roughly 10.6% while employment growth lagged at just 7.4%. The factory floor is becoming more expensive and less labour-absorptive as the fixed capital per person engaged has risen to ₹23.6 lakh. We are exporting value rather than volume of employment. This effectively bypasses the labour-intensive phase of industrialisation that East Asian economies utilised to build their middle classes.

Capital over the worker

The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) corroborates this capital bias from the household side. If the export boom were truly labour-intensive, we would expect a sharp structural shift of workers into factory jobs. Instead, the latest PLFS data indicates that the manufacturing sector's share of total employment has stubbornly hovered around 11.6%-12%. This stagnation persists even as export values hit record highs. It implies that the elasticity of employment with respect to export growth has collapsed. The jobs being created are not in the labour-absorbing factories of the hinterland but in the capital-intensive hubs of the coast.

This capital bias is further evidenced by the structural compression in the wage share of Net Value Added (NVA). ASI data indicates that as productivity rises in automated sectors like petrochemicals or precision electronics, the gains accrue disproportionately to capital owners rather than wage earners.

The worker is becoming less central to the production process. This explains why we see high GDP growth in industrial States without a commensurate explosion in mass prosperity. Even the PLI-driven surge in electronics exports, growing over 47% year-on-year, is spatially sticky. It remains locked in specific districts in Kancheepuram or Noida because the complexity of these supply chains requires a logistics precision that does not exist outside these industrial islands.

The failure of the hinterland to converge is ultimately a failure of state capacity and financial depth. It creates a vicious cycle where the poor subsidise the rich. The RBI's data on Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratios offers a stark financial MRI of this divide. In export powerhouses like Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, the CD ratio frequently surpasses 90%. This implies a high velocity of money where local savings are aggressively recycled into local industry. In contrast, in the hinterland States of Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh, the ratio languishes below 50%. This indicates a perverse form of capital flight where the savings of the hinterland are deposited in banks only to be lent out to projects in the industrialised coast. These financial constraints are compounded by persistent human capital deficits in low-export States, constraining their ability to generate the skilled, healthy workforce required for integration into high-complexity global value chains.

Need for new metrics

What emerges from this evidence is a quiet but profound shift. Exports in India are no longer operating as a lever of structural transformation but have become an outcome of prior structural capacity. States do not export their way into development; they export because they are already developed enough to do so. In this sense, export performance is increasingly a mirror of accumulated industrial wealth rather than a pathway toward building it.

If export-linked industrial policy may no longer generate labour-intensive employment, and not catalyse convergence, then the role of an open economy in India's development strategy must be carefully re-examined. Treating export growth as a proxy for inclusive economic prosperity for all risks mistaking outcomes for instruments. It also signals a gap between hope and reality. The danger is not that India misses global trade opportunities, but that it is perhaps measuring progress using a metric that increasingly reflects past advantages rather than future inclusion.

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THE GIST

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Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

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2025, THE YEAR THAT WAS

From the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), proposed nearly 20 years ago, to the city's network of elevated corridors and junction upgrades such as Hebbal, Bengaluru's long-stalled infrastructure projects saw some movement in 2025, even if not at the pace of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's brainchild, the north-south tunnel road.

The north-south tunnel road, planned as a 16.7-km, underground corridor connecting Hebbal's Esteem Mall junction to Central Silk Board, made visible progress in 2025 despite sustained opposition. In May, the Karnataka Cabinet approved the project at an estimated cost of about ₹17,780 crore under a build-own-operate-transfer (BOOT) model, and global tenders were floated in July for two packages of roughly 8.7 km each, a pace of movement rarely seen in Bengaluru's large road projects.

By the end of the year, bids from multiple major firms had been received and were under evaluation. The project is one of the most virulently opposed infrastructure proposals in the city today, drawing criticism from citizen groups, urban planners, environmentalists, and political rivals. Critics raised concerns over its alignment with the city's mobility plans, environmental clearances, geological risks, cost escalation, and potential traffic redistribution, leading to protests, public interest petitions, and scrutiny by bodies such as the National Green Tribunal (NGT), even as the project continued to advance through formal approval stages. Alongside this, a short tunnel-cum-elevated corridor between Hebbal Junction and Mekhri Circle also moved forward in 2025. Spanning about 2.27 km, the project received the Cabinet approval during the winter session at an estimated cost of ₹2,215 crore and was being implemented by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) using its own funds.

The plan involves a three-lane twin tunnel from Hebbal Junction to the Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries University (KVAFSU), followed by an elevated corridor from the KVAFSU to Mehkri Circle.

The PRR, rebranded in 2025 as the Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC), also saw long-delayed steps towards execution. Early in the year, the BDA secured in-principle approval for a ₹27,000-crore loan from HUDCO to fund land acquisition and construction. This was followed by the Cabinet clearance later in the year for the access-controlled expressway project, which officials have projected could reduce through-traffic around the city by about 40% once completed.

However, progress on the PRR also remained deeply contested. Farmers and landowners filed mass objections, submitted representations to the Governor and courts, and challenged the compensation framework, arguing that land was being acquired at suppressed guideline values and beyond core road requirements. Opposition groups also urged the HUDCO to reconsider funding, citing unresolved legal, financial and operational risks. The long-discussed elevated corridor network also edged closer to execution in 2025. Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE) finalised Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 13 elevated corridors, covering a combined length of about 126 km for several key stretches, including Nagavara-Bagalur, Old Madras Road-Electronic City, and Sirsi Circle and Nayandahalli.

The Cabinet also cleared a double-decker flyover integrating Metro and road traffic during the year in September.

Apart from these major projects, 2025 also saw visible movement at the long-clogged Hebbal junction. In August, the BDA opened a 700-metre additional ramp from the Nagawara-Baptist Hospital side to the K.R. Puram loop, easing traffic towards Mehkri Circle. This was followed by the opening of a second new loop on a trial basis recently.

Civic wishlist for 2026

- It has been five years since civic polls were last held in the city. The State government has committed to holding them in 2026. Hope they are finally held in the coming year
- Several long pending projects such as Ejipura flyover, Kanteerava Studio underpass, Yelahanka flyover have been revived and have a 2026 deadline. Hope they are completed this year
- Work on several other projects like RR Nagar flyover, Jalahalli Cross underpass, etc., should restart and work completed in 2026
- Hope some of the big ticket projects in discussion for many years now like the Peripheral Ring Road finally take off ground in 2026
- Bengaluru's roads are motorable, potholes do not reappear with every rain

Lecturer held for stealing valuables from wedding venues

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Basavanagudi police have arrested a 46-year-old woman who led a double life- working as a college lecturer on weekdays and stealing valuables from functions in Bengaluru during weekends.

The accused has been identified as Revathi, a Kannada lecturer employed at a private college near Bellandur. The police said she would teach at the college throughout the week, but on Sundays, she allegedly targeted wedding venues and function halls across Bengaluru.

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According to the police, Revathi would enter marriage halls posing as a relative of the bride or groom. Gaining the trust of guests by engaging them in friendly conversation, she would allegedly steal gold jewellery, have the wedding meal, and leave the venue.

Stolen

One such incident was reported on November 25 at Dwarakanath Kalyana Mantapa in Basavanagudi, where she allegedly stole gold ornaments. The police said Revathi is from Shivamogga and is residing at K.R. Puram in east Bengaluru. On Sundays, she would reportedly make rounds of the city, specifically identifying marriage halls hosting weddings.

Confession

During questioning, she reportedly confessed to her involvement in three cases of theft. Further investigation revealed that she had committed similar offences at multiple marriage halls using the same modus operandi. She claimed to be stealing valuables to arrange money for the medical expenses of her ailing husband.

Recovered

Based on her confession, the police recovered 262 gm of gold valuables worth ₹32 lakh which she had pawned in different jewellery shops across the city. The Basavanagudi police have taken her into custody.

Biryani outing ends with students getting abducted and robbed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Four students of a private engineering college in Bengaluru, who went to have biryani at Hoskote, were allegedly kidnapped and robbed by a gang of men in the early hours of Sunday. The Avalahalli police have arrested one of the accused and are searching for the others. According to the police, the students had gone to Hoskote to have biryani. They were returning around 5.30 a.m. when they were intercepted near Kada Agrahara village by a gang. The gang allegedly forced the students into a shed near Medahalli, where they were allegedly robbed. The accused reportedly snatched three mobile phones, ₹40,000 in cash, and also transferred ₹1.10 lakh through an UPI app from the accounts of the students before letting them go.

One of the students lodged a complaint at Avalahalli Police Station on December 21, following which a case was registered. The accused were booked for abduction and dacoity.

The money transfer trail helped the police track down the accused.

Day-care bone marrow transplant performed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The patient, who underwent a day-care bone marrow transplant at Trustwell Hospitals in the city, with the team of doctors.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A bone marrow transplant (BMT), a procedure that traditionally requires prolonged hospitalisation, has been performed on a day-care basis at a private hospital in the city, highlighting the potential for shorter treatment duration and reduced costs for select blood cancer patients.

Conventionally, patients undergoing a bone marrow transplant are admitted for three to four weeks to manage high-dose chemotherapy, stem cell infusion, and the heightened risk of infections during recovery.

Doctors said avoiding prolonged hospitalisation significantly reduces treatment costs. While a conventional BMT costs between ₹12 lakh and ₹16 lakh, the recent day-care procedure was completed at an expense of ₹4.9 lakh.

The transplant was carried out at Trustwell Hospitals on a 44-year-old patient diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a form of blood cancer. The patient, a farmer from Mysuru and the only breadwinner of his family, was diagnosed in April and referred for a transplant after initial treatment by a local oncologist. He underwent an Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation-an advanced procedure where a patient's own healthy stem cells are collected, preserved, and reinfused after high-dose chemotherapy.

"This is the seventh day-care bone marrow transplant procedure that we have done so far," said Sachin Jadhav, Director of Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplant at the hospital.

"The concept is well established in the West, and our effort has been to adapt the technology and protocols to Indian settings," he said.

Dr. Jadhav said that while the transplant itself does not require admission, patients are closely monitored on a daily basis after the procedure.

CSIR-CENTRAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
Mahatma Gandhi Avenue, Durgapur-713209 (West Bengal)

Recruitment Notice (Advt. No.11/2025)

Date of opening of online applications: 22.12.2025 at 10:00 AM IST
Last Date for Submission of online applications: 21.01.2026 at 05:00 PM IST

CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur, a premier Institute under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of S & T, Govt. of India, invites online applications from the citizens of India aged between 18 to 28 years (with relaxation as per GOI rules) for filling up of **20 nos. of Technician-I** (Trade in FITTER ; ELECTRICIAN /MECHANIC (ELECTRICAL POWER DRIVES); ELECTRONICS MECHANIC / INSTRUMENT MECHANIC and DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY) posts at CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur and its extension Centre at Ludhiana. For detailed advertisement & submission of the online application etc., the interested eligible candidates may log on to the Institute website: **www.cmeri.res.in → career → vacancies → Advt. No. 11/2025.**

Controller of Administration

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the General Public that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Mr. B. Balaraju, S/o Batchu Lakshmi Narayana**, residing at No. A36, 3rd Floor, Skywalk Apartment, Manjunathanagara, Ittamadu, Bengaluru-560085. Mr. B. Balaraju asserts that he has derived right, title and interest as absolute owner in respect of the Schedule Property by virtue of sale deed executed by one Mr. Venkata Rama Rao on 28-02-2022 vide document No.RRN-1-09290-2021-22 stored in C.D.NO.RRND999 registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru

Any person or authority having any right/claim of any nature over the schedule property in any manner may lodge their claim or objection in writing to the undersigned **on or before 7 days** along with documents otherwise my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/objections from any person/s

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of Site No. 4, BBMP Katha NO. 91/329/20/3-04, present E Katha No.4202532153 Ward No.198 measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 60 feet in all 2400 Square feet situated at INSUBURBIA, Uttarahalli Manavarte Kaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and present Raghuvanahalli Grama Main Road, 4, Vakil Garden City, Kanakapura Main Road, Thalghattapura, Bangalore and bounded on the **East by:** Site No.3, **West by:** Site No.5, **North by:** Road, and **South by:** Site No.12.

Sd/- B. GOPALA KRISHNA, B.Sc., LL.B., PG.DPM.
Advocate & Notary Public, Government of India
Office: 7, 8 & 15, 1st Floor, SBM Complex,
Dr. Vishnu Vardhana Road, Opp. Kasturba School P.P. Layout, Bengaluru - 560 061.

Place: Bangalore Date: 23.12.2025

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
(Distt. - Saran), Bihar - 841221

E-Tender Notice No. 09/RWP/Engg//2025-26/WT/(Open) Date 19.12.2025 The Dy. CE/RWP/Bela for and on behalf of the President of India, invites Online "e-Open Tender" through Indian Railways E-Procurement Portal (IREPS) www.ireps.gov.in for the following works as detailed:- **1. Name of the work and Location, Approximate cost, Earnest money and Completion period of the work : Tender No.-** 16_RWP_Engg_25_26_WT_Open **Name of Work:-** Roof covering of remaining part of WFPS wheel dispatch area and side covering of existing sheet in melt shop along with associated electrical work at RWP/Bela. **Approximate cost-** Rs. 3,17,31,452/-, **Tender form Cost-** Nil, **Earnest money-** Rs. 3,08,700/-, **Completion period of the work -** 06 Months, **2. Tender closing date and time : 13.01.2026 upto 14:30 Hrs., 3. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be obtained and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. :** The above tender can be submitted only by the date and time as mentioned in the notice. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit Portal (IREPS) **www.ireps.gov.in**. The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with IREPS Portal **(www.ireps.gov.in)** for updates including Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation with respect to the above tender because no such any notice/information concerned that shall be published in newspaper.

Dy. Chief Engineer/RWP/Bela
RWP/CPRO/ADVT/2025-26/89

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNBAL - I - BANGALORE
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road,
Bangalore, Pin Code - 560 001.

DRC No. 11159

Punjab National Bank
No. 1007/49, Dr. Rajkumar Road,
B.O. Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 010. ... Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s. Maxpro Air Controls Private Ltd. & Others

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/s. Maxpro Air Controls Private Ltd.
Petechannappa Industrial Estate,
Kamakshipalya, Bangalore - 560 079.
Regd. Office at : No. 2071,
4th Cross, Adarshnagar, Bangalore - 32.
2. Mr. C.C. Mohan Kumar S/o. Late P.K. Narayana Poduval
No. 17, 12th Cross, Kanakanagar,
R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032.
3. Mr. R. Sandeep Menon
S/o. Mr. M. Nandakumar
No. 2071, Adarsh Nagar, 4th Cross, L.R. Bande,
R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 32.

... Defendants / Certified Debtors

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No. 439 / 2014** passed by the **Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of Rs. 28,99,743/- (Rupees Twenty Eight lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Three Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the about sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay :

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

(b) All Costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **5th Day of June 2018.**

(RAJASEKHARAN .R)
RECOVERY OFFICER - 1
DRT - 1 : BENGALURU

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below :

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BSNL Building (Fourth Floor), Telephone House, Raj Bhawan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

(See Sec.25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with II Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961)

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
RC No. 1215/2019 in T.A No 1705/2017
(O.A. No. 1081/2016)

BETWEEN:
Indian Overseas Bank, Banashankari II Stage Bengaluru
...CERTIFICATE HOLDER/APPLICANT
Vs
Mr. N.Adarsh ...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS/DEFENDANT (CD)
Mr. N.Adarsh, S/o Nagesh, R/at No.21,4th Cross, II Main, R.T. Nagar, Ganganagar Extension, Bengaluru-560032. ...CD

Whereas in execution of certificate **RC No. 1215/2019 in T.A No 1705/2017 (O.A. No.1081/2016)** issued by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore** the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

You are hereby informed that the day on or after the fifteenth day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

Schedule "A" Property as per RC
(Mortgaged by Defendant)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing:

Item No.	Property Details	Boundary	Location
1	Property No.29, Khatha No.21 and 13/2 Measuring East to West 20 feet, North to South 30 feet, Total Measuring 600 sq.ft.	East by: Remaining portion of Property No 29, West by: By Road, North by: Property No 28, South by: Road.	Alahalli Village Amruthnagar Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk.
2	Property No.28, Old Khatha No.21 and 13/2, New Khatha No.864, House list No.28/331 Measuring East to West 23 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, Total Measuring 775 Sq.Ft.	East by: Remaining portion of Property No 31, West by: Western portion sold and 5 feet passage, North by: Property No.27, South by: Property No.29.	Alahalli Village Amruthnagar Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk.
3	Property No.28, Old Khatha No.21 and 13/2, New Khatha No 864, House list No 28/331 Measuring East to West 17 Feet, North to South 25 Feet, Total Measuring 425 Sq.Ft.	East by: Remaining portion of Property No 28, West by: By Road, North by: 5 Feet passage, South by: Property No.29 of the defendant.	Alahalli Village Amruthnagar Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Bengaluru on 19.02.2025.

(RECOVERY OFFICER-1)
DRT-2, BENGALURU

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COLLECTOR AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY (NSEL)
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Pursuant to the attachment by the Government of Maharashtra under the Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Act, 1999 (MPID Act) and the directions of the Hon'ble MPID Court the **Competent Authority** (hereinafter referred to as "CA") has engaged **Quikr Realty Pvt Ltd** (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") which has been appointed by Government of Maharashtra to assist in the sale of the properties attached and made absolute through e-auction on **"as is where is and whatever there is basis".**

"CA" hereby invites bids from the intending bidders along with a bid deposit as mentioned in the table below as Earnest Money for each of the properties to be paid through NEFT/RTGS for sale of properties:

Short description of the property

S. No.	Location	Address	Area	Reserve Price (in INR)	EMD Deposit (in INR)	Bid Increase Amount (In INR)	Last Date of submission of EMD	Date of Auction
1	Bangalore	Non-Agricultural Plot at Site No. 24, Sy no 32, Block no III, Boyalahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore Karnataka-562149.	2400 SFT i.e., 222.965 SMT	59,34,000/-	5,93,400/-	1,00,000/-	27th January 2026 up to 5:00pm	29th January 2026, 11.00 am to 12.00 pm
2	Bangalore	Non-Agricultural Plot at Site No. 23, Sy no 32, Block no III, Boyalahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore Karnataka-562149.	2400 SFT i.e., 222.965 SMT	59,34,000/-	5,93,400/-	1,00,000/-	27th January 2026 up to 5:00pm	29th January 2026, 11.00 am to 12.00 pm
3	Bangalore	Non-Agricultural Plot at Site No. 22, Sy no 32, Block no III, Boyalahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore Karnataka-562149.	2400 SFT i.e., 222.965 SMT	59,34,000/-	5,93,400/-	1,00,000/-	27th January 2026 up to 5:00pm	29th January 2026, 11.00 am to 12.00 pm

1.The interested bidders who require assistance may contact Quikr Realty Private Limited via e-mail ID:**auctions@quikrrealty.com** or contact no. **9321575329, 9176197676.**

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Place: Mumbai
Date: 24th December 2025

Deputy Collector and Competent Authority (NSEL) Mumbai

FULL CONTEXT

Firm seat: Bihar Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary, Vijay Kumar Sinha with BJP National Working President Nitin Nabin during a roadshow, in Patna, on December 23. PTI

How Indian States are following a pro-incumbency trend

Examples from around the world indicate how structural pressures, economic strain, social churn, and an anti-elite sentiment are producing different electoral logics. But in India's States, governments have got re-elected, often through welfare-driven incumbencies

Sanjay Kumar
Arindam Kabir

The recently concluded Bihar Assembly election highlights an interesting point; that Nitish Kumar, who has taken oath as Chief Minister for the 10th time, has been able to retain the government even after almost two decades of ruling the State. This shows us a contrast between global and Indian State-level patterns of (anti) incumbency. In many major democracies across the world, voters displayed a strong sense of anti-incumbency.

The defeat of the U.S. democrats, the U.K. conservatives, Japan's Liberal Democratic Party and South Africa's African National Congress reflect that people in these countries were willing to use their elections as an instrument to address perceived non-performance of the government and demand an alternative in power. Senegal's election similarly captured youth anger and a generational push against elites.

A pro-incumbency trend

Indian State assembly elections held over the last few years indicate a trend in the opposite direction. Many governments during this period got re-elected, indicating a strong pro-incumbency sentiment. The incumbent Bharatiya Janata Party government got re-elected in Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, despite spirited opposition campaigns. These governments were re-elected, beating anti-incumbency, because the ruling party anchored its election campaign pushing narratives of stability, 'double engine ki sarkaar' (the idea that the Centre and the State is ruled by the same party) for faster development, welfare delivery and strong leadership, which triumphed the narrative propagated by opposition parties. In Gujarat, the BJP extended its record to a seventh straight term, while Naveen Patnaik's Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha converted personal credibility and targeted schemes into multi-term mandates. West Bengal's 2021 mandate for Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress, against a highly contested BJP challenge, highlights pro-incumbency in a polarised contest. These examples may look like isolated cases of States being voted back to power, with the recent Bihar Assembly election being one of them, but Indian elections since 1952 had witnessed periods of pro and anti-incumbency.

India's history

The first few years (1952-1966) were a period of pro-incumbency. Out of the 39 assembly elections held during this period, almost 85% governments got re-elected. But the periods of 1967-79 and 1980-1988 witnessed both pro and anti-incumbency trends. During 1967-79, out of 82 assembly elections, 54% of governments got re-elected, while 46% of them got voted out. Similarly, during the 1980-88 period, of 53 assembly elections, 51% governments got re-elected while 49% governments got voted out.

However, the periods of 1989-98 and 1999-03 witnessed a very strong trend of anti-incumbency. During 1989-98, of 63 assembly elections, 71% of incumbent governments were voted out. The trend continued during the 1999-03 period, where of the 31 assembly elections, 61% of incumbent governments were voted out.

The trend changed again during the 2004-15 period, which witnessed a mix of anti and pro-incumbency. In this period, nearly 55% incumbent governments got re-elected, while 45% governments were defeated. The 2016-2018 period has seen a strong anti-incumbency trend where nearly 75% of incumbent governments got defeated. This is understandable, for when the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government came to power at the Centre in 2014, many Congress-ruled States lost in subsequent State elections.

We are again witnessing a strong pro-incumbency trend. Many BJP ruled States have witnessed governments being re-elected. It is true that many of these governments were re-elected riding on the popularity of the welfare schemes, but it also has to do with general infrastructural improvement which the State and its people have started benefitting from. While politics of welfare has helped the ruling party mobilise the votes of the poor and the lower middle classes, infrastructural developments have especially helped in mobilising the votes of the upper middle-class voters.

Examples from around the world indicate how structural pressures, economic strain, social churn, and an anti-elite sentiment are producing different electoral logics. Globally, these stresses have translated into a rotation of ruling parties losing elections, paving the way for a new party to form the government. But in India's States, governments have got re-elected, often being mediated through strong leader-centric, welfare-driven incumbencies that can absorb discontent and bring in renewed mandates.

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Global and native trends

The incumbent Bharatiya Janata Party government got re-elected in Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, despite spirited opposition campaigns

TABLE 1: Anti-incumbency around the world

Country	Year	Incumbent party / leader	Outcome	Brief explanation of anti-incumbency context
United States	2024	Democratic Party	Lost presidency and Congress	Voters shifted to Republicans after economic and political dissatisfaction
United Kingdom	2024	Conservative Party	Lost to Labour Party	After 14 years in power, Conservatives lost over economic stagnation and governance fatigue
Japan	2024	Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)	Lost majority	Long-dominant LDP lost parliamentary majority amid discontent over economic and demographic issues
South Africa	2024	African National Congress (ANC)	Lost parliamentary majority	ANC's vote share fell below 50% and it lost parliamentary majority for the first time in 30 years
Senegal	2024	Macky Sall's ruling alliance	Lost presidency	Opposition's Bassirou Diomaye Faye won, driven by youth anger and desire for generational change

TABLE 2: Pro-incumbency in India

State	Election year	Incumbent party / leader	Outcome	Brief explanation of pro-incumbency context
Bihar	2025	NDA – JD(U)–BJP, Nitish Kumar	Returned to power	The alliance retained office on stability and welfare narrative despite strong opposition challenge
Haryana	2024	BJP, Nayab Singh Saini govt	Retained government	BJP managed a renewed mandate, stressing development and law-and-order
Madhya Pradesh	2023	BJP, Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Incumbent re-elected	Voters rewarded long-running welfare schemes and leadership despite "fatigue" arguments
Tripura	2023	BJP-led NDA	Retained power	BJP consolidated its earlier breakthrough, suggesting limited anti-incumbent swing
Gujarat	2022	BJP	Won seventh consecutive term	Continued BJP dominance attributed to organisational strength and leadership-centric campaign
Kerala	2021	CPI (M)	Second consecutive term	Strong pro-incumbency around service-delivery politics in education, health, and utilities.
Odisha	2019	Biju Janata Dal, Naveen Patnaik	Fifth consecutive term	Patnaik's personal popularity and welfare programmes outweighed anti-incumbency
West Bengal	2021	Trinamool Congress, Mamata Banerjee	Third consecutive term	Trinamool won a landslide (over two-thirds seats), with Mamata's popularity, despite intense BJP challenge and a decade in office

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

"You're late again."

"I'm sorry. I had to pick up my cousin Mohan. The train, as usual, was late."

"I see. Isn't your cousin Mohan a headhunter?"

"A headhunter? We're all vegetarians! You know that."

"Yes. I know that! Even a vegetarian can be a headhunter these days...."

"....how is that possible? You...."

"....in the corporate world, a 'headhunter' is someone who goes around trying to persuade people to quit their job and take up another one."

"And the job that the headhunter offers is better than the one that the person has, I suppose?"

"The position is usually better. And the pay is definitely better."

"Let me see if I understand you. A headhunter is hired by a company to get good workers from other companies."

"That's right! The people that headhunters look for are usually in the top position. The word 'head' means 'boss' here."

"In other words, headhunters look for executives."

"That's usually the case. Here's an example. When our General Manager went to Mumbai to attend a conference he was approached by several headhunters."

"I would like to be a headhunter when I grow up. Have you ever been approached by a headhunter?"

"No. I haven't. I don't think I ever will be either. By the way, headhunting is not an easy job."

"I can imagine. Is 'headhunter' one word or two?"

"Some write it as one word. Others tend to put a hyphen between 'head' and 'hunter'. They write it as 'head-hunter'. Both are correct."

"I see. What's the difference between a 'headhunter' and a 'troubleshooter'?"

"A headhunter goes around trying to hire people. A 'troubleshooter'...."

"....goes around creating trouble."

"No, no! A 'troubleshooter' does not create trouble. He gets rid of trouble. He is a problem solver."

"I see. So whenever trouble crops up, a troubleshooter shoots it down."

"I guess you could say that. A troubleshooter doesn't go around hiring people. He helps settle disputes and...."

"....settle disputes? Like disputes between the management and union?"

"Yes, a troubleshooter does that too. For example, whenever the union threatens to go on strike, our chairman always sends for his troubleshooter."

"There was a time when Arjun Singh was the Congress party's troubleshooter. Can I say that?"

"I guess you could. Every political party has a troubleshooter. Most big companies have one too. My cousin is a troubleshooter for a company."

"Is there anything else that a troubleshooter does? Other than...."

"....a troubleshooter can also be a person who traces and corrects faults in machinery. For example, when the new computers started giving problems, we sent for the troubleshooter."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Indian singer Mohammed Rafi was born on this day in 1924. Here is a quiz on one of the greatest Indian singers of all time

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
Which was Rafi's Hindi film debut?

QUESTION 2
In 1948, the team of Husanlal Bhagatram-Rajendra Krishan-Rafi created a song called 'Suno Suno Ae Duniyawalon'. Who was this song about?

QUESTION 3
Rafi's partnership with this duo was among the most famous and successful in the Hindi film industry. Rafi sang a total of 341 numbers. Who was this duo?

QUESTION 4
In December 1979, Rafi recorded six songs for the Hindi remake of Dilip Sen's Bengali film, which was never completed due to a personal tragedy in Dilip Sen's life. The songs were later released in 2009. Which was this film?

QUESTION 5
Who is the Hindi actor for whom Rafi recorded the most number of songs, at 190?

QUESTION 6
Rafi's which song was voted the most popular Hindi song in a BBC Asia Network poll commemorating 100 years of Hindi cinema?

Visual question:
Identify this singer-actor whom Rafi considered his favourite. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. "If you build it, he will come." Name the movie. **Ans: Phil Robinson's *Field of Dreams***
2: "I love the smell of napalm in the morning." Name the film. **Ans: Francis Ford Coppola's *Apocalypse Now***
3: "Please boss, don't put that thing over my face...". **Ans: Frank Darabont's *The Green Mile***
4: "Never rat on your friends, and always keep your mouth shut." **Ans: Martin Scorsese's *Goodfellas***
5: "Is that my daughter in there?". **Ans: Clint Eastwood's *Mystic River***
6: "We want to be nations. Home is everything." **Ans: Steven Spielberg's *Munich***
7: "You've got to say, 'I'm a human being, goddamn it. My life has value." **Ans: Sidney Lumet's *Network***
8: "Forget about it." **Ans: Mike Newell's *Donnie Brasco***
9: "Back there I could fly a gunship, I could drive a tank, I was in charge of million dollar equipment...". **Ans: Ted Kotcheff's *First Blood***
10: "If you ride like lightning, you're gonna crash like thunder." **Ans: Derek Cianfrance's *The Place Beyond the Pines***
Visual: Name the movie. **Ans: *The Great Dictator***
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| Soumendra Banerjee| Md Sarfaraj Nawab| Deepak. K| Venkat Parthasarathy

Word of the day

Jaunty:
marked by up-to-dateness in dress and manners; having a cheerful, lively, and self-confident air

Synonyms: chipper, debonair, dapper, dashing, rakish, snappy

Usage: *She was wearing a jaunty red hat.*

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Realtor murder case: Sessions court rejects anticipatory bail plea of Byrathi Basavaraj

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs dismissed the anticipatory bail plea of Byrathi Basavaraj, MLA for K.R. Puram, in the realtor "Biklu" Shiva murder case on Tuesday. With this, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has renewed its efforts to nab Mr. Basavaraj, who has been absconding.

Byrathi Basavaraj

The CID filed a chargesheet in the murder case against 17 accused on Monday. The CID is yet to file charges against the MLA and has shown him as an absconding accused in the case. The High Court of Karnataka, on December 19, granted relief for Mr. Basavaraj, quashing the invocation of the Karnataka Control of Organised Crime Act, 2000, but asked him to approach the sessions court for anticipatory bail. Mr. Basavaraj approached the sessions court on Saturday.

Even as the court did not give him any interim relief, he has been absconding, amid CID efforts to arrest him.

His plea has been dismissed on Tuesday by the Sessions Court.

Meanwhile, CID is working towards getting a Look Out Notice issued against Mr. Basavaraj to prevent him from fleeing the country. The CID is expected to file an appeal against the High Court order quashing the invocation of KCOCA, 2000, in the case.

Jayadeva Institute installs advanced blood testing system

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Aimed at delivering faster and more accurate diagnostic reports, the State-run Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research has installed a new-generation blood testing analyser.

The NABH-accredited institute has commissioned the Roche Cobas Pro system in its Biochemistry Department, a technology that enables high-throughput and rapid analysis of blood samples.

Turnaround time

The installation is expected to significantly reduce turnaround time for diagnostic reports at the tertiary cardiac care centre, which handles a heavy patient load every day. Director of the institute B. Dinesh said around 1,800 to 2,000 patients undergo laboratory investigations daily at Jayadeva.

"With the increasing number of patients, there is a need to enhance laboratory capacity so that reports can be delivered within the shortest possible time. This system will help us achieve that," he said.

The Roche Cobas Pro analyser allows multiple blood tests to be conducted simultaneously and effectively doubles the laboratory's processing capacity. The system ensures high accuracy while analysing samples in a significantly shorter time compared to conventional analysers. Dr. Dinesh said faster availability of test results would help doctors examine more patients efficiently and improve clinical decision-making.

Emergency situations

"In emergency situations, timely access to diagnostic reports is critical. This technology will enable quicker initiation of treatment, which can be life-saving," he said.

The installation of the advanced analyser is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen diagnostic services and improve patient care at the institute, particularly in view of the growing demand for cardiac and related investigations, Dr. Dinesh added.

Canara Bank unveils new digital payments app

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Canara Bank launched its new digital payments app called 'Canara ai1Pe' to provide customers with fast, secure, and convenient payments facility on UPI platform. According to the lender, the app will allow customers with accounts from any bank to link their accounts and enjoy instant money transfers, bill payments, and everyday digital services- all in one place. The bank said the app offered a device binding facility that would allow users, who are already registered with some other UPI App, to download the Canara ai1Pe app and begin making transactions seamlessly.

CCB arrests Nigerian national for smuggling cocaine

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) has arrested a 29-year-old Nigerian national for allegedly smuggling cocaine concealed inside loaves of bread to evade detection.

The accused has been identified as Olajide Esther Iyanuoluwa, a native of Nigeria. According to the police, she allegedly cut open the inner portion of bread loaves, hid 120 gm of cocaine inside, and packed them to make the consignment look like ordinary food items. Investigators said the accused was transporting the drug from Mumbai to Bengaluru in a private bus, using the unusual concealment method to avoid suspicion during checks. Acting on specific intelligence, the CCB officials intercepted her and conducted a thorough search.

The police seized 120 gm of cocaine, valued at approximately ₹65 lakh in the international market.

To pursue studies

Probe revealed that the accused came to Delhi in 2024 on a student visa claiming to pursue studies at a university. However, without enrolling in any college, she stayed in areas such as Ghatkopar (Gala Nagar), Ambawadi, and Nallasopara in Mumbai. She procured cocaine from her friend in Mumbai and, as per his instructions, transported and supplied the same to designated locations.

Further probe revealed that she used to travel from Mumbai to Bengaluru in private buses and transport cocaine by concealing it in bread and similar products to avoid detection. Based on a specific information, a team of officials tracked Olajide to her friend's house from the bus stand where she got down and walked to her friend's house carrying a packet of bread.

The police raided the house and initially found nothing. But when they checked the packet of bread she was carrying, they found the drugs concealed inside the loaf, a police officer said.

A case has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, and further investigation is under way to ascertain the source of the drugs, the intended recipients in Bengaluru, and whether an inter-State or international network was involved, the police said.

In a similar case, the Jalahalli police have arrested two drug peddlers hailing from Kerala for allegedly trafficking narcotic substances in the city.

The accused have been identified as Nikhil Raj, 30, and Melvin Monsi, 23. Acting on a tip-off, the police conducted an operation and apprehended the duo, seizing 247 gm of hydro ganja and 19 gm of MDMA worth ₹26.9 lakh from their possession.

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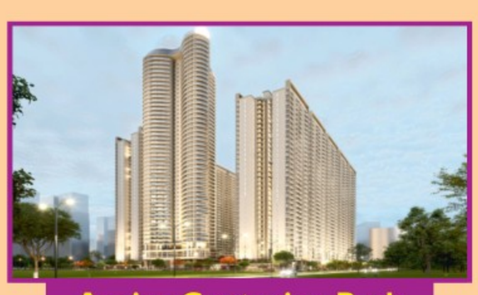
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HUDCO, a Navratna CPSE and NBFC-IFC has launched the Urban Invest Window (UiWIN), a one-stop solution for supporting Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in urban infrastructure. Professionals (with experience in project management/urban finance/asset management and monetization) are invited to apply for engagement as consultants for an initial period of 06 months, extendable based on performance and requirements, as given below:

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REGISTRAR

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar with Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in New Delhi on Tuesday.

DKS meets Khattar, seeks early approval for city infrastructure projects

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday called on Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manoharlal Khattar in New Delhi and urged him to expedite the approval of Bengaluru city's infrastructure projects, including the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) phase II project, costing ₹40,425.02 crore.

BMRCL phase II

The estimated completion cost of phase II of the BMRCL project has been increased from ₹26,405.14 crore to ₹40,425.02 crore. The revised cost was approved by the State government on June 5, 2025.

The project seeking approval has been sent to the Union Ministry for Housing and Urban Affairs on June 9, 2025. Mr. Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, requested Mr. Khattar to provide approval for phase III-A of the BMRCL project, consisting of 36.59 km from Sarjapura to Hebbal with 28 stations (with an elevated section length of 22.14 km and an underground section length of 14.45 km) at an estimated cost of ₹28,405 crore.

During the discussions with the Union Minister, Mr. Shivakumar sought early approval of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) for the Bengaluru region and the project on treatment and disposal of legacy leachate at Mittaganahalli in Bengaluru.

PG medical: Provisional results announced

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The provisional seat allotment results of the second round for postgraduate medical courses have been announced.

Candidates who have been allotted seats through Medical Counselling Committee are permitted to withdraw their original documents until Wednesday at 11 a.m., said H. Prasanna, executive director of the Karnataka Examinations Authority.

A total of 3,164 candidates have been allotted seats in this round, and The list has been published on the official website. After the release of the provisional results, candidates who have secured seats through MCC but do not prefer those seats may withdraw from their KEA-allotted seats by submitting their original documents.

Regarding admission to postgraduate medical courses, the final results of the second round of seat allotment for in-service candidates have also been announced. Candidates who have paid the fees must submit their original documents at the KEA office by December 24, he explained.

A total of 59 in-service candidates have been allotted seats in various courses, he added.

GBA to audit rejected e-khata applications following protest

Any hurdles faced by the public in obtaining these documents will be addressed, says GBA Chief Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao on Tuesday announced an audit of e-khata rejections following complaints from citizens that their applications were turned down despite submitting all required documents.

The review, the GBA chief said, would examine whether e-khatas were being denied without valid reasons. "The government introduced e-khata to simplify the process for citizens. Any hurdles faced by the public in obtaining these documents will be addressed," Mr. Rao said.

The GBA Municipal Officers' and Employees' Welfare Association holding a candlelight vigil in Bengaluru on Tuesday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The announcement came amid protests by the GBA Municipal Officers' and Employees' Welfare Association, who held a candlelight vigil against the suspension of two officials – Deputy Commissioner of Bommanahalli Zone D.K. Babu and Revenue Officer Varalakshmi.

The officials were suspended by Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil, reportedly for dereliction of duty in issuing e-khatas. However, sources said that the suspensions came in the wake of several cases where e-khata applications have been rejected without valid reasons, causing inconvenience to the public. Such rejections run into thousands, the sources said. There has been a tug of war between the revenue officers on the ground and the top GBA leadership over e-khata issues. While citizens and senior GBA officials attribute several rejections to corruption, revenue officers on the ground said they were being targeted by an impractical system. Efforts to remove subjectivity from the system have been opposed. The association president A. Amrut Raj said, "Revenue employees were being harassed by Special Commissioner (Revenue) Munish Moudgil, even as they remain overburdened with khata-related work."

He said the association had raised the issue with the GBA Chief Commissioner and demanded that the suspensions be revoked. He added that employees were considering mass leave and work stoppages if their concerns were ignored.

Mr. Moudgil was not available for comment. Mr. Rao, responding to the grievances, assured that he would look into the concerns raised by the employees.

Remedial teaching to improve SSLC results in districts of Kalyana Karnataka region

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

With an aim to improving the SSLC results of seven districts of the Kalyana Karnataka region, which is observed to be lagging behind, the State government has decided to implement the remedial teaching programme in government and aided schools.

These special classes will be held from January to March to all students grouped into above average, average, and below average students who should be engaged separately.

While teachers taking these classes will get ₹1,000 per month, each school will get ₹6,000 to bear the travel expenses of students attending these classes from afar.

The State government has earmarked ₹3.44 crore for the project, to be borne by the Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board (KKRDB).

'Mission 40+'

Termed 'Mission 40+', to ensure that students pass, the programme aims to achieve 90% results in these seven districts. This comes in the backdrop of the region faring poorly compared to other districts of the State.

In 2024-25, Kalaburagi district ranked last in the results with 41.35% results. Other districts also had poor results- Ballari (50.91%), Bidar (52.3%), Koppal (56.57%), Raichur (50.76%), Vijayapura (66.78%), and Yadgir (59.6%).

The Kalyana Karnataka region achieved 52.42% results. Of a total of 1,70,788 students who appeared for the examination, only 89,519 students passed and 82,169 students failed, in the region.

Teacher deployment

There are a total of 1,345 government high schools, including Kannada, Urdu and Marathi medium, in the districts of Kalyana Karnataka region.

A total of 7,462 teachers will be deployed for the remedial teaching programme. "Steps should be taken to complete the syllabus by the end of December 2025 as per the academic annual guidelines. A special class should be organised for one subject before the school session every day and answers to subject-wise model question papers should be written after the school session every day to increase the quality of writing and improve writing ability of the students. And they should be read aloud," the order stated.

'Visit students at home'

"Students who are absent from classes for more than seven days continuously should be visited at home, consulted and brought back to school. It has been stated that to improve the learning of students with poor learning characteristics, group activities should be formed to learn with students who have made learning progress and take steps to achieve learning," the order stated.

Bank officer shot dead by estranged husband

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 39-year-old woman was shot dead allegedly by her estranged husband on the road in Rajajinagar on Tuesday evening. Minutes after the murder, the accused walked into the Magadi Road Police Station, confessed to the crime and surrendered before the police.

The deceased has been identified as Bhuvaneshwari, 39, wife of Balamurugan, who works as an assistant manager at Union Bank of India in the city. She was residing in Rajajinagar with her two children.

The accused, Balamurugan, 40, a former software engineer, working in Whitefield, was married to the Bhuvaneshwari since 2011. The couple had been living separately for the past one and a half years.

The police said the accused suspected the victim of having an extramarital relationship, while the victim had been seeking legal separation, which he opposed. According to the police, the victim had shifted her workplace from Whitefield about six months ago and had moved to a different residence along with her children, without informing the accused. After tracing her whereabouts, the accused reportedly shifted close to her residence in Cholurpalya, about four months ago.

About a week ago, the accused received a divorce notice from the victim. On Tuesday, between 6.30 p.m. and 7 p.m., the accused allegedly waited near the victim home while she was returning from work. He fired at her using a pistol. The victim was rushed to a private hospital, where she was declared 'brought dead'.

After the incident, the accused surrendered himself at the Magadi Road Police Station and confessed to the crime.

Man donates Thanjavur painting of Sri Ram to Ayodhya

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Posts has transported a rare and high-value Thanjavur painting of Lord Ram from Bengaluru to Ayodhya. This marks a first-of-its-kind specialised logistics operation under its Logistics Post service.

The sacred artwork, executed in the traditional Thanjavur style with a gold base inlaid with precious and semi-precious stones, was donated by Bengaluru-based Jayashree Phaneesh to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra in Ayodhya. Measuring 12 feet by 8 feet and weighing close to 800 kg, the large-format painting was packed in a specially fabricated wooden crate with multiple layers of bubble wrapping. The entire planning, from loading to final delivery, was carried out under continuous supervision. The vehicle set out from Bengaluru on December 17 and covered nearly 1,900 km before reaching Ayodhya on December 22. Loading and unloading was carried out using cranes and specialised restraints to prevent any damage to the artwork.

The movement of the consignment was closely monitored by senior postal officials and divisional heads across five postal circles including Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

More two-wheeler patrols to be deployed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As part of heightened security measures in the city for the New Year's Eve celebrations, the Bengaluru Police have decided to deploy more motorcycles in place of four-wheelers for patrolling, with the objective of ensuring quicker response and swift action.

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said the decision was taken following a review meeting with senior police officials. During the meeting, it was observed that Hoysala patrolling vehicles often face delays in reaching incident spots due to heavy traffic congestion and large crowds. To overcome this challenge, the police decided to increase motorcycle patrols, which can manoeuvre through congested roads more efficiently. Officials have been instructed to station patrolling vehicles at strategic locations across the city and enhance foot patrol deployment in sensitive and crowded areas.

'HAL is a pan India organisation contributing towards country's growth'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MP for Mysuru, on Tuesday described the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) as a pan India organisation contributing towards India's growth and self-reliance in the aviation sector.

Speaking at the 86th HAL Foundation Day celebrations, Mr. Yaduveer said, "The HAL has grown today to what it has become such a great and grand institution working towards so much of what is our new forefront. I am sure that the advances the HAL is making will certainly lead India to be self-reliant in the aviation sector going forward".

He said that the HAL was a Mysore Institution which after Independence became part of the Government of India and that this aspect needs to be remembered.

D.K. Sunil, HAL chairman and M.D., said the defence PSU should be very clear about what the future demands are and work towards achieving them.

The cover of a HAL book by Amar Chitra Katha and HAL Mystamp were unveiled.

PUNJAB STATE FOODGRAINS PROCUREMENT CORPORATION (PUNGRAIN)
ANAAJ BHAWAN, SECTOR 39 CHANDIGARH

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Punjab State Food Grains Procurement Corporation (PUNGRAIN) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) manufacturers for supply of FRK @Rs 3948/- per quintal on F.O.R basis including all costs exclusive of applicable GST to Rice Millers in the State of Punjab. All the interested FRK manufacturers can submit their offers in the prescribed format in the O/o Deputy Director Rice Room no. 216 2nd Floor Anaaj Bhawan Sector 39 C, Chandigarh or through email id frk.fcs@punjab.gov.in till 05:00 pm on 30-12-2025. The EOI application must be complete in all respects and any conditional or incomplete offer shall be summarily rejected without assigning any reason. Managing Director, PUNGRAIN reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reasons. The decision of Managing Director, PUNGRAIN will be final in this regard.

1026/12/2025-26/6296 MANAGING DIRECTOR, PUNGRAIN

GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Greater Bengaluru Authority, Annexe-3 Building, N R Square, Bengaluru

No: DCF/PR/464/2025-26 Date: 23-12-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the Project Engineer-3, Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-Smile), GBA, Bengaluru has submitted an application and requested the Tree Officer DCF. GBA for removal of trees standing inside the 5.34 acres of the Defence land for Widening and Formation of 24 Mtr Width Road for a length of 862 Mtrs from Ejipura Inner Ring Road Ch 2415.00 to Ch 3227.00 under B-SMILE project, Protection, Improvements of Rajakaluve/Buffer Zone including formation of Service Road from Inner Ring Road to Sarjapura Road-Package 1.
The details are given below:

Name of the Work	Widening and Formation of 24 Mtr Width Road for a length of 862 Mtrs from Ejipura Inner Ring Road Ch 2415.00 to Ch 3227.00			
Name of the Agency	Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-Smile), GBA,			
Purpose for removal of trees	The trees are standing inside the Defence land and coming within the Project for Widening and Formation of Road			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS Coordinates	**Bou-ndary**	**Latitude (N)**	**Longitude (E)**	**Location**
	1	12°56'18"	77°37'59"	Defence land, Agram Road, Bengaluru
	2	12°56'57"	77°38'17"	
	3	12°55'56"	77°38'17"	
	4	12°56'18"	77°37'58"	
Enumeration of trees • Total No. of trees standing in the project area	72 Nos (Annexure 1)	Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area, etc., are uploaded in the website of GBA for information of all **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**		
Mode of communication of comments* *(Public can send their comments either by E-mail / Post / Hand)*	**Address:** a. The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, GBA, N.R. Sqaure, Bengaluru -02 **E-mail ID: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com** b. The PE-3, BSIL(B-Smile), N.R.Square, Bengaluru **E-mail ID: pe3bsmiile@gmail.com** # A Copy of the Comments communicated directly to PE-3, BSIL(B-Smile), N.R. Square should also be marked to the Tree-Officer/DCF, GBA			
Deadline for Filling Objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification in Newspaper ***Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project**			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/- Tree Officer
& Deputy Conservator of Forests, GBA Bengaluru

IN THE COURT OF THE 28TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU AT MAY HALL, BENGALURU CITY(CCCH NO.29)
MISC NO.25089 of 2024
IN
O.S.NO.26098 of 2014

BETWEEN:
1. SMT. K.R.JAGADHAMBHA (dead by Lrs) daughter of Late K.C. Ramaiah, and wife of Late M.A. Venkataswamy Aged about 76 years, residing at No.22, 16th Cross, 5th Phase, J.P.Nagar, BENGALURU 560078.
1(a) M.V.ANIL (Dead) Son of late K.R. Jagadhambha
1(ba). Ms.Aarthi Wife of Anil Aged about 60years,
1(bb) Mr.Alok Anil Son of Anil aged about 35 years,
1(bc)Mr. Amala Anil Daughter of Anil aged about 30 years.
All residing at No.22, 17th cross, (old 16th Cross), J.P.Nagar, 5th Phase, **BENGALURU** - 560078 .....**PETITIONERS**
AND:
SMT.K.M.PADMA and others
.....**RESPONDENTS**
NOTICE BY PAPER PUBLICATION TO RESPONDENT NO.5 TO 8
RESPONDENT NO.5
M/S.A R. DEVELOPERS
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RESPONDENT NO.6 SMT. HEMALATHA S.J. Wife of Late K.M.Sudarshan Aged about 60 years
RESPONDENT NO.7 SRI.AMARNATH K.S. Son of late K.M.Sudarshan aged about 32 years
RESPONDENT NO.8. KUM.PRAGATHI. K.S. Daughter of late k.M.sudarshan aged about 23 years
Respondent No.6-8 residing at: 209, 2nd Floor, "A" Block, Radiance the Pride, Pammal Main road, Pallavaram, Chennai-60043.
Also at:
No.90,Swathi Apartment, 17th Cross, J.P.Nagar, 5th Phase, Near Akshara Bekary,Bangalore South J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru - 560078.

COURT NOTICE.

Service of summons by papers publication under order 5 rule 20 of CPC
WHEREAS, the petitioners have filed the above case to set aside the order date 23.04.2024 and restore the suit O.S. No. 26098 of 2014, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **20th day of January 2026** at 11AM, in person or through a pleader, failing which the case be proceed exparte.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 19-12-2025.

By Order of the Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil May Hall Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONERS:
AMAN NALINA LINGESH &
PARVATHY R NAIR
No.403, Prestige Centre Point, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru 560052

ABSOLUTE SALE DEED LOST

I, Gulshan Kumar S/o Er. Kashmiri Lal R/at #1, 2nd Cross, Swarna Dham Colony, Anughrah Layout, B. Narayanapura Extn., Bengaluru-560016 do hereby solemnly state that, I am the owner of Site No.669, Khatha No.380/669, carved out of Sy. No.14, situated at Thirumagondanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk. This property was registered at Sub-registrar Office, Attible on 02.01.2010 with Document No.ABL-1-02283/2009-10, stored in CD No.ABLD35. I have lost the said Absolute Sale Deed. In this regard, I have raised a Online Complaint with Karnataka State Police on 20.12.2025 and have obtained Lost Report No.1967671/2025. I further state that above given details are true to my knowledge vide affidavit dated 15.12.2025 sworn to Notary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to Notify the General Public that my client Mr. Naveen Kumar T.H, intends to purchase residential property bearing No. EWS 3348, situated at Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, within the ward No.185, having E PID No. 8864684699, measuring East to West 12.20 meters and North to South 7.62 meters which is morefully and clearly described in the schedule hereunder from its owner Mrs. K.H. Basavarajamma W/o. B.E. Thippeswamy.

If any person/s/ Institution claiming any right, title and interest or having any objection in my client proceeding to finalise the Sale transaction may do so by lodging their claim/objection, in writing supported with relevant documents within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection or claim is received within the aforesaid period, my client shall presume that there are no claim/objection and proceed to finalise the Sale transaction. No Objection/Claim will be entertained on expiry of 10 days period from the date of this publication.

-: SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing No. EWS 3348, situated at Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru within the ward No.185, having E PID No. 8864684699, measuring East to West 12.20 meters and North to South 7.62 meters alogn with a house constructed therein and same is bounded by
East by: Road
West by: Property No. 3378
North by: Property No. 3349
South by: Property No. 3347

Sd/-
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Mobile No. 9886318087.

Power shutdown

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Several areas in Bengaluru will experience a power cut on Wednesday due to scheduled maintenance works. A release stated that there will be no power supply from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The areas likely to be affected include Halehalli, Margondanahalli, Kalkere Road, Byrathi Village, Kanakashree Layout, Atma Vidyanagar, Byrathi, and surrounding areas.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24	
RISE 06:38	SET 18:00
RISE 09:53	SET 21:44
THURSDAY, DEC. 25	
RISE 06:39	SET 18:01
RISE 10:32	SET 22:34
FRIDAY, DEC. 26	
RISE 06:39	SET 18:01
RISE 11:11	SET 23:25

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	20
Mysuru	28	13
Bengaluru	27	15

Bengaluru Today
26°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable. Night will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night also will be cool. Dry weather to occur.

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Bengaluru International Film Festival to begin on January 29

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah releasing the logo of the BIFFes in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Actor Prakash Raj has been named the brand ambassador of the 17th Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes). Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a press conference on Tuesday to announce the development. The 17th BIFFes will be held from January 29 to February 6. This time, event is set to move away from it's regular venue (Orion Mall).

More than 200 films from across 60 countries will be screened across 11 screens in Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar. Some films will be shown at Suchitra Cinema and Cultural Academy, Banashankari, and Dr. Rajkumar Bhavan at the Kalavidara Sangha, Chamarajpet. Around 110 films will compete across three sections at the festival. The last date to submit a film for competition is December 31, 2025.

Films that gained appreciation at reputed festivals such as Cannes, Rotterdam, Berlin, Busan and Locarno will be screened at the event

The event will be inaugurated at the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha.

The 17th edition is set to showcase movies shortlisted for the 98th Oscars. Films that gained appreciation at reputed festivals such as Cannes, Rotterdam, Berlin, Busan and Locarno will be screened at the event.

The government has sanctioned a ₹7 crore budget for the event. "Women Empowerment" has been declared the theme of the festival. Sadhu Kokila, president, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy, was present at the press conference.

Circular issued to grant paid menstrual leave

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To implement the Karnataka Menstrual Leave Policy-2025, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has issued a circular granting one day of paid menstrual leave per month to its women employees, with effect from January 1, 2026.

According to the circular, all women employees aged between 18 and 52 will be eligible for the benefit.

It clearly states that no medical certificate will be required to avail oneself of menstrual leave. However, the leave cannot be clubbed with any other category of leave in the same month. It must be taken only during the respective month and cannot be carried forward.

BUSINESS CONNECT

A Business Initiative

CREDAI National Confers Lifetime Achievement Award on Prestige Group Chairman & MD Irfan Razack

Recently CREDAI National presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Irfan Razack, Chairman & Managing Director of Prestige Group, in recognition of his sustained contributions to India's real estate sector and his long-standing association with the developers' apex body. Mr. Razack has played a key role in CREDAI's evolution over the years, serving in several important leadership positions at both the city and national levels. He has previously held office as President of CREDAI Bengaluru & Karnataka and Chairman of CREDAI National, during which his leadership helped reinforce the organisation's emphasis on professional excellence, policy advocacy, and industry-wide capacity building. Accepting the honour, Mr. Irfan Razack reflects the collective trust and support of the industry and as developers contribute directly to nation-building through the creation of homes and infrastructure. CREDAI Bengaluru & Karnataka congratulated Mr. Razack on the achievement and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting transparency, regulatory compliance, and best practices across the real estate ecosystem.

Punjab National Bank conducts NRI Meet to strengthen Customer Engagement

Punjab National Bank (PNB) held an NRI Meet in Bengaluru to strengthen engagement with its Non-Resident Indian customers and understand their banking needs. The event was attended by senior officials, including Zonal Manager Ms. Vandana Pandey and Circle Head Mr. Ratish Kumar Singh, who highlighted PNB's latest initiatives and reaffirmed the bank's commitment to quality service. An interactive session allowed NRIs to share feedback and seek information on banking products. PNB officials also showcased a wide range of NRI offerings such as NRE/NRO accounts, remittance services, investment options, and digital banking solutions. The meet concluded positively, with participants appreciating the initiative and expressing interest in more such programs.

T N Javarai Gowda MLC wishing Central Minister Shri H D Kumaraswamy on his Birthday

The president of the Yeshavanthapura Assembly constituency and Legislative Council member T. N. Javarai Gowda, along with others, greeted H. D. Kumaraswamy, the former Chief Minister and central government's Minister of Large Industries and Steel, as well as the state president of Janata Dal (Secular), on his birthday by garlanding him at his residence in JP Nagar. Along with them were young leaders of Janata Dal (Secular) such as Santosh Javaraigowda, Manjunath Travel, Vijay Kumar, Chandran, Satish Bairegowda, Arun Gowda, Harish, and other JD(S) leaders and workers.

BJP Leader K N Chakrapani offered respects to Swamiji Nirmalananda

At the Adichunchanagiri branch math in Chikkaballapur, BJP leader K. N. Chakrapani met Sri Nirmalananda Swamiji, offered his respects to the Swamiji, and presented a biography of the socialist, Bharat Ratna, Dalit backward leader, and former Chief Minister of Bihar, Karpoori Thakur.

Bank of Baroda strengthens Customer Protection through focused Cyber Fraud Awareness Initiatives and Advisories

Bank of Baroda is strengthening customer protection against rising cyber fraud by focusing on awareness and education. Through its 'PehchaanCon' campaign, the Bank uses engaging videos to help customers recognize fraud attempts and stay vigilant while banking digitally. Its 'Stay Wise, Act Wise' initiative further promotes cyber safety through regular advisories and safe banking tips. The Bank has also issued public warnings against fake advertisements misusing its name and logo, reiterating that it never asks for personal or confidential details. Overall, Bank of Baroda continues to proactively enhance cyber safety through timely guidance and public awareness efforts to ensure secure digital transactions. For more queries visit at https://bankofbaroda.bank.in/

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Rajanna blames DKS for Congress losing LS seats to 'vote theft' in State

In a letter to Rahul Gandhi last month, which has come to the public domain now, the ex-Minister says Congress could have won 8 to 10 additional LS seats if 'vote theft' had been prevented

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The leadership tussle in the Congress appears to be getting intensive as the day on which Deputy Chief Minister and chief ministerial aspirant D.K. Shivakumar, who is also KPCC president, visited Delhi to meet Union Ministers, a letter, written last month, by his political *bete noire* and former Minister K.N. Rajanna to Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has surfaced in public domain. In the letter, Mr. Rajanna has accused the KPCC chief and booth-level agents appointed by the party of failure to prevent vote theft in the State.

In a letter dated November 17, Mr. Rajanna told Mr. Gandhi that the Congress could have secured an additional 8 to 10 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka if the KPCC chief and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) appointed by the party had paid more attention to preventing vote theft.

K.N. Rajanna

In the letter, Mr. Rajanna said that if other States, too, had avoided similar lapses (vote theft), the Congress party could have won 30 to 40 more Lok Sabha seats and prevented Prime Minister Narendra Modi from holding the office for a third consecutive time. "Instead, the Congress party would have assumed power, and Mr. Rahul Gandhi would have become the Prime Minister," he said.

Mr. Rajanna, the former Minister and MLA for Madhugiri, who was sacked from the Cabinet for allegedly speaking against the vote theft campaign launched by the party, said, "The purpose of my statement is to emphasise that BLAs appointed by the KPCC have not performed their responsibilities. If our KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and the officials concerned had paid proper attention to these lapses, they could have been prevented. In that case, the Congress party would likely have secured 8 to 10 additional seats in Karnataka".

Further, Mr. Rajanna, a loyalist of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, said that "in other States too, had similar lapses been avoided, the Congress party could have won 30 to 40 seats. In such a situation, Narendra Modi would not have become the Prime Minister". The former minister said that he supported the vote theft campaign launched by Mr. Gandhi when he visited Bengaluru.

Defending the present State leadership in the government in the State, Mr. Rajanna said the Congress came to power in the State in 2013 and 2023 under the leadership of "Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who has worked tirelessly to deliver justice to the poor and marginalised sections of all communities - SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, and other weaker sections".

Sources in the Congress said that Mr. Rajanna had written letters to Mr. Gandhi earlier, too.

Mr. Rajanna, who has been apparently demanding the removal of Mr. Shivakumar from the KPCC chief's post, sought action against those who have misrepresented his words on vote theft.

Hours after his letter surfaced in the public domain, Mr. Rajanna met the Chief Minister in Bengaluru and held consultations. It may be noted that Mr. Shivakumar too had met him twice in the last few days.

After Mr. Rajanna's visit, heads of a few mutts too met the Chief Minister.

Speaker examining linking release of MLAs' grants to legislature attendance

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Taking serious note of the trend of thin attendance of MLAs in the Assembly in the last several legislative sessions, Speaker U.T. Khader is considering a proposal to recommend to the government to cut the MLAs' local area development grants if they fail to meet a minimum of 70 per cent attendance.

"It is the duty of MLAs to attend the legislature session and represent the people of their constituency as well as that of the State. It is not good on their part to abstain from the legislature," Mr. Khader told *The Hindu* after the Winter Session of the State legislature that was held recently in Belagavi.

The Speaker confirmed that already a round of consultations with the government had been held on the proposal to link the release of local area development grants of MLAs with their legislature attendance.

U.T. Khader

It may be noted that even in the just concluded session of the legislature, the Assembly witnessed thin attendance of members. In fact, there were days when hardly 60 to 70 MLAs turned up for the session in the 224-member House.

While there are concerns about declining standards in the legislature debates, the absence of members is viewed more seriously, as the presence of members is crucial to improving the legislature debates and finding solutions to various problems gripping the State.

Sources in the legislature secretariat made it clear that the main intention of examining the proposal to link the release of grant of local area development grants to MLAs' attendance in legislature was not to punish the legislators, but to discourage them from abstaining from the session and also to remind them that it is their primary duty to attend the session.

The MLAs, irrespective of political affiliations, get an annual local area development fund of ₹2 crore that can be used as per their discretion for the development of their constituency. Perhaps considering the importance of these funds, the Speaker may be thinking of linking their release to attendance.

Meanwhile, former Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister S. Suresh Kumar underscored the importance of legislators attending the legislature session promptly.

"The very nomenclature -- legislator -- indicates that the main role of the legislators is to legislate. To do that, they need to attend the legislature session," Mr. Suresh Kumar told *The Hindu*.

"Of late, we legislators have become elevated corporators as the main focus has been civic amenities and related issues. But though it is not wrong to focus on such issues, we must not forget that we have a duty to legislate," he observed.

"It is not about merely attending the House. The legislators should actively participate in various debates and effectively represent the people of their constituency and also people of the State," he said.

Nothing special about DCM's visit to Delhi, says Satish Jarkiholi

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

There is nothing special about Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar's visit to New Delhi. It is a routine administrative issue. He holds two important portfolios and keeps visiting the national capital to meet Ministers and officers. It is not political, Satish Jarkiholi, Minister and Congress leader, said in Bagalkot on Tuesday.

"Karnataka is a big State with a population of seven crore and a Budget of ₹4 lakh crore. He is the Minister of two departments and the party president, so if there is work in any department, he has to go to Delhi," he told reporters.

The Minister said that he hopes the party high command will end the confusion about the change of leadership in the State. The Chief Minister has made it clear several times. He has said he would act as per the high command's wishes. He has said there has been no agreement about power sharing, Mr. Jarkiholi said.

The CM and DCM will go to New Delhi for the Congress Working Committee meeting on December 27, he said.

The agenda in such meetings is different. It will not be about leadership issues in the State, he said in response to a query. He said speculation about change of leadership after Sankranti were far from truth.

Central government diluting environmental protection laws, alleges Prashant Bhushan

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Senior advocate of the Supreme Court and social activist Prashant Bhushan has accused the Union government of systematically diluting environmental protection laws and policies, which he feared was ultimately aimed at benefiting a few.

He was responding to the felicitation accorded to him by conferring on him the 'S.R. Hiremath Mahasangrami Award', instituted by the Samaj Parivarthan Samudaya, at a function held at Karnatak Vidyavardhak Sangha in Dharwad on Tuesday.

Mr. Bhushan said that like Western Ghats, the Aravalli Hills were a fragile biodiversity hotspot of north India, spread across Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi, and instead of framing policies and guidelines to preserve the biodiversity and protect the Aravalli mountain range, the Union government had come up with new policy redefining the extent of the Aravallis.

As per the new definition, only hills above 100 m in height would be classified as Aravalli Hills and remain protected, while the remaining areas would be thrown open for commercial activities. This change would definitely destroy the region's ecosystem, he said.

Prashant Bhushan

The senior advocate said that while the adverse impact would not be immediate, the consequences could be seen over a period of time, spelling disaster not only for the ecosystem but also causing long-term damage. Mr. Bhushan emphasised the need for people to realise the dangers involved and unite to raise their voice against such policy changes, which could ultimately spell doom for the next generation as it would allow indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources for commercial benefits.

He said that earlier, a dedicated committee of experts would assess the environmental impact of projects and make recommendations to the Ministry of Environment and Ecology on whether to grant permission or not. As this mechanism had been weakened now by deputing officials from other departments to approve environmental
projects, several environmental and wildlife projects were being cleared without proper scrutiny, he alleged.

Complaint against Excise Minister seeking probe in liquor e-auction process

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Soon after the State government notified the e auction of 569 CL 2 A and CL 9 A licenses in January, a complaint has reached the office of Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, seeking a direction to the government to probe the process.

The complaint by social activist Dinesh Kallahalli said that the process was not scientific and transparent, and went against the principle of equal opportunities in distribution of public resources. He has accused Excise Minister R.B. Thimmapur of being complicit in the process.

Advocates oppose HC Judge's participation in event

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A few advocates of Shivamogga Bar Association have objected to Justice V. Shrishananda of Karnataka High Court participating in a programme to be presided over by former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, against whom several criminal and civil cases are pending in various courts. The advocates have written to the Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justice of Karnataka HC, drawing their attention to the programme to be held on Thursday.

Srigandha, a non-government organisation, and Shivamogga Bar Association have jointly organised a seminar where Mr. Shrishananda will be delivering a lecture. Mr. Eshwarappa, who is the president of Srigandha, will preside over the programme.

K.P. Sripal, one of the advocates who signed the letters, told *The Hindu*, "A High Court judge sharing a dais with people facing several cases is contrary to the principles of fair and impartial administration of justice."

BJP leaders to meet Governor on hate speech Bill

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition BJP has decided to take a delegation of its leaders to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to appeal to him to desist from giving his consent to the Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025, that was adopted in the Winter Session of the State Legislature held recently in Belagavi.

Announcing this while participating in a protest being staged by the party in front of tahsildar's office in Shikaripura of Shivamogga district against the Bill, BJP State president B. Y. Vijayendra said the party delegation would be taken out to the Raj Bhavan next week.

The BJP staged protests against the Bill in different parts of the State on Tuesday and petitioned the district and taluk magistrates against the Bill.

In Bengaluru, such petitions were also submitted to the Governor and the Chief Minister through the Deputy Commissioner.

The protesters termed the Bill as anti-democratic and being opposed to the provisions of freedom of speech.

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Sabarimala gold theft: jeweller seeks bail in HC

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court has sought instructions from the State government on a bail petition moved by Roddam Govardhan, a Bellary-based jeweller, who was arraigned as an accused by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the alleged misappropriation of gold from Sabarimala temple.

He was charged with misappropriating 474 gm of gold from the gold-plated copper coverings of the Dwarapalaka idols that had been taken to a private firm in Chennai for gold plating in 2019. In his bail plea, the jeweller said he accepted the gold at the instance of Unnikrishnan Potti, the first accused.

The matter has been posted for hearing on December 30.

Kerala to soon file appeal against Dileep's acquittal

State government to move Kerala High Court after the Christmas vacation; the trial court either overlooked or misread crucial evidence submitted against the actor, prosecution sources say

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala government will soon file an appeal against the verdict of the Ernakulam Principal Sessions Court in the 2017 actor rape case, challenging both the acquittal of actor Dileep and the sentences awarded to six convicts.

According to sources, the government has given its nod to file an appeal against the trial court judgment before the Kerala High Court when the court reopens after Christmas vacation.

The approval for filing the appeal was issued after considering the reports of T.A. Shaji, Director General of Prosecution, and V. Ajakumar, Special Public Prosecutor in the case.

Actor Dileep leaves after the Ernakulam Principal Sessions Court acquitted him in the actor rape case on December 8. FILE PHOTO

The special court had sentenced six accused, including the first accused Pulsar Suni, to rigorous imprisonment for 20 years each, while acquitting actor Dileep, the eighth accused, and three others.

The prosecution sources contend that the trial court either overlooked or misread crucial evidence submitted against the actor. There is cogent, reliant, and impeccable digital and supportive evidence to prove the involvement of Mr. Dileep in the case, sources said. The service of the Special Public Prosecutor will be made available at the High Court when the appeal comes up for hearing. The interests of the survivor will also be taken into account, the sources indicated.

Actor's kin alleges breach of privacy

KOCHI
Actor Dileep's sister, S. Jayalakshmi, filed a petition with the Aluva East police against two television channels alleging that drones were flown over her brother's residence, thereby violating the privacy of not only the actor but also his family members.

'Reject KIOCL proposal for ex-post facto forest clearance'

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

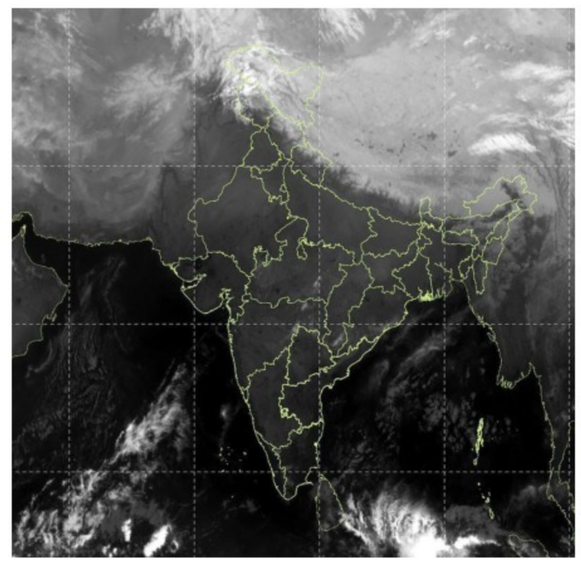
Praveen Bhargav, trustee of Wildlife First, a non-government organisation, has written to senior officers of the Forest Department in Karnataka appealing to them to reject the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited's (KIOCL) proposal seeking ex-post facto forest clearance for the illegal submergence of forest land in Kudremukh.

Mr. Bhargav, in his letter, said it was shocking to know that the proposal is being considered instead of being rejected at the outset. "The Supreme Court in the Lafarge Judgement clearly held that ex-post facto clearances are not permissible. There is no scope whatsoever to consider the proposal," he stated. The illegal raising of the Lakya dam destroyed the wildlife habitat within Kudremukh National Park. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India in its report of 2003 pegged the environmental loss at ₹115.86 crore, he noted.

Mr. Bhargav demanded the government reject the KIOCL proposal, ensure recovery of ₹139.15 crore of penalty, include 1,401 hectares of government land as part of Kudremukh National Park, withdraw the right of way granted to KIOCL for maintenance of the slurry pipeline, and begin the acquisition process of 114.3 hectares of land acquired by KIABD for KIOCL and merge it with the national park.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Wednesday: Cold day conditions likely at places over Bihar. Dense Fog likely at places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, West Bengal, Sikkim and Uttarakhand

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.0	14.2	Kozhikode	—	32.4	21.4
Ahmedabad	—	30.8	15.5	Kurnool	—	30.6	17.0
Aizawl	—	26.5	11.6	Lucknow	—	20.2	10.4
Allahabad	—	21.8	8.2	Madurai	—	32.2	16.7
Bengaluru	—	26.9	15.2	Mangaluru	—	31.3	19.6
Bhopal	—	26.0	7.4	Mumbai	—	33.2	20.5
Bhubaneswar	—	27.7	11.9	Mysuru	—	28.0	13.0
Chandigarh	—	23.2	9.1	New Delhi	—	20.6	8.7
Chennai	—	30.0	20.2	Patna	—	14.5	11.0
Coimbatore	—	31.1	19.0	Port Blair	—	30.0	21.0
Dehradun	—	25.9	8.4	Puducherry	—	31.3	19.2
Gangtok	—	15.6	9.3	Pune	—	30.3	13.3
Goa	—	32.2	18.5	Raipur	—	26.2	9.4
Guwahati	—	26.4	13.6	Ranchi	—	23.2	9.5
Hubballi	—	28.9	13.3	Shillong	—	18.2	7.4
Hyderabad	—	29.0	12.7	Shimla	—	22.2	10.5
Imphal	—	21.8	10.4	Srinagar	1.0	10.2	2.7
Jaipur	—	27.8	14.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.5	21.9
Kochi	—	30.0	21.4	Tiruchi	—	30.5	19.6
Kohima	—	17.8	6.4	Vijayawada	—	30.2	19.2
Kolkata	—	25.2	14.7	Visakhapatnam	—	27.7	19.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.30	..83	.34	...205	...161	
Bengaluru	...4	..18	.24	...139	...144	
Chennai	...5	..21	..—	...156	...357	
Delhi	.40	..81	107	...438	...390	
Hyderabad	.10	..28	.34	...116	...129	
Kolkata	.10	..64	.41	...244	...177	
Lucknow	...8	..30	.44	...160	...121	
Mumbai	...6	..33	.11	82	...108	
Pune	.24	115	.86	...254	...213	
Visakhapatnam	.13	..80	.52	...299	...240	

Yesterday
High levels of particulate matter pollution recorded in most cities across the country. Going by Central Pollution Control Board data, Lucknow the worst with PM2.5 pollution levels touching a dangerous 369. Kolkata was a close second with PM10 readings of 352.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala SIR removes 24 lakh voters from draft list

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A little over 24 lakh voters in Kerala have been excluded from the draft electoral roll published by the Election Commission of India (EC) on Tuesday under the special intensive revision (SIR) under way in the State. The draft electoral roll has 2.54 crore voters.

In all, 24,08,503 voters are in the Absent, Shifted, Dead (ASD) list published alongside the draft rolls. Of this, 6,45,548 are listed as 'untraceable/absent,' 8,16,221 as 'permanently shifted,' while 1,60,830, are in the 'others' category, which includes people who have refused to accept or return the enumeration forms.

The list also has 6,49,885 dead voters and 1,36,029 duplicated names. This list, designated as 'uncollectable enumeration forms' by the EC, constitutes about 8.65% of the electors.

Number of voters in the draft rolls is 31 lakh less compared to the State Election Commission voter list

Individuals in the ASD list can add their names to the electoral roll by filing a Form 6 application along with a declaration form, Chief Electoral Officer (Kerala) Rathan U. Kelkar said on Tuesday.

Overseas electors should file their applications using Form 6A.

The draft electoral roll published on Tuesday has 2,54,42,352 voters in all.

The electoral roll as on October 27, 2025, had 2,78,50,855 voters in all.

Interestingly, the number of voters in the draft rolls is 31.63 lakh less compared to the electoral roll maintained by the State Election Commission, which holds the elections to local bodies. The 2025 local body polls held earlier this month had, in all, 2,86,05,525 eligible voters.

The draft roll has been published amid stiff opposition by the State government which, expressing deep concern over the possible exclusion of "nearly 25 lakh voters," had sought more time for voters to submit the enumeration forms.

Claims and objections can be filed till January 22, Mr. Kelkar said. The final roll will be published on February 21.

'National research centre and board for areca needed'

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Prakash Kammaradi, an agri-economist and member of the Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission, has advocated for setting up for a national research centre for areca and a board to look after areca cultivation.

He spoke at a consultative meeting organised by the Malenadu Area Development Board in Shivamogga on Monday in the wake of leaf spot and other diseases affecting the areca crop in Malnad region. The leaf spot, a fungal infection, had hit areca growers in Malnad very hard. "The disease has resulted in a crisis, leaving growers worried about the future of the crop. No remedy from scientists will relieve growers from the difficult situation. This is the right time to urge the Centre to set up a national research centre for the crop, as many such centres have been set up for other crops. Besides that, there is a need for a separate board to handle the crop," he stated.

He appealed to the growers, representatives of cooperative societies and elected representatives, irrespective of political affiliation, to put forward these demands. "The horticulture universities face limitations in taking up comprehensive research on the crop. They hardly have the staff and funds to conduct the research. Hence, as a long-term measure, both the Central and State governments should consider setting up a research centre and board," he maintained.

Two, including constable, held for forging passport verification records of WB native

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Vitla police, have arrested two persons, including a police constable working in the same police station, on the charge of forging passport verification documents to help a West Bengal native obtain a passport.

While Pradeep, the constable, was arrested on Monday, the West Bengal native Shakti Das was secured on Tuesday.

Consequent upon Pradeep being sent to judicial custody by a magistrate court, he was kept under suspension with immediate effect.

The police registered cases against Pradeep and Shakti Das under provisions of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for the offences of creating false documents for cheating, forging a public register, dishonest misuse of property entrusted with someone, and causing disappearance of evidence.

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3.	Date of opening of Technical Bid	:	30.01.2026 at 11.00 AM instead of 05.01.2026 at 11.00 AM
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	:	Will be intimated later on.

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All other details including detailed NIT (Notice Inviting Tender) visit the e-tender portal website **https://tntenders.gov.in**

Place : Chennai - 600 035
Date : 23.12.2025 DIPR/ 6785 /TENDER/2025 Administrator

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION (CHENNAI) LIMITED
PALLAVAN ILLAM, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI - 600 002.

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited, tenders are invited for issuing licence for display of advertisement on the Exterior bus body below the Middle beading of the side body sheet and rear panel only, and Passenger seat back side and Existing Passenger Queens handle in MTC buses from the eligible tenderers who shall submit the documentary evidence as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Issue of Licence for	EMD Amount in Rs.	Eligibility Criteria
1.	Display of Advertisement on the Exterior bus body below the Middle beading of the side body and rear panel fitted with a thin sheet size (Approx 4 X 3 feet only) (except Small Bus, A/C Buses, New Low Floor Bus, renovated Blue & New BSVI Blue Bus.) **(K K Nagar & Madhavaram & Anna Nagar (East)** in **200 Buses.**	1,25,000	Registered establishment with at least Three year experience in the advertisement field
2.	Display of Advertisement on the Exterior bus body below the Middle beading of the side body and rear panel fitted with a thin sheet size (Approx 4 X 3 feet only) (except Small Bus, A/C Buses, New Low Floor Bus, renovated Blue & New BSVI Blue Bus.) **(Tondiarpet I depots, Adambakkam, Vadapalani, T Nagar & Tondiarpet II depots)** in **235 Buses.**	1,47,500	
3.	Display of Advertisement on the Rear side of Passenger seats in **1000 buses** (in 5 equal lots) attached to various depots **(200 bus /per lot).**	EMD Rs.29,260/- Per lot Group I to V 200 Buses for each group	
4.	Display of Advertisement on existing Passenger Queens Handle in **560 buses** attached to various depots (New Low Floor Bus Only).	EMD Rs.1,54,000/-	

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Tender submission start date : **24.12.2025 at 11.00 Hrs.** | Tender submission end date : **20.01.2026 upto 12.00 Hrs.** | Tender will be opened on **20.01.2026 at 15.00 Hrs.**

Any modification (if any) in tender terms and tender invitation period will be uploaded in the website and the tenderers are requested to go through the above website periodically. MTC (Chennai) Ltd. reserves the right to accept / reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/6787/TENDER/2025 MANAGING DIRECTOR

APPOINTMENTS

भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय
INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY
(A Central University under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India)
Established by an Act of the Parliament in 2008

Advt. No. IMU-HQ/R/Contract/2025/06 **Date: 24.12.2025**

Engagement of Head - Indian Ship Technology Centre (ISTC) (On Contract Basis)

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for the following post on contract basis in Indian Maritime University (IMU) initially for a period of 03 years which may be further extended up to 2 years, one year at a time, subject to satisfactory performance and requirement of the University. Interested candidates may submit their applications online through the link available at ***https://www.imu.edu.in/imunew/recruitment.***

Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Place of Posting	Monthly Consolidated Remuneration
Head - ISTC (on contract)	01	ISTC, IMU - Visakhapatnam	Not exceeding Rs. 3,00,000/-

IMU reserves the right not to fill up the post advertised (or) cancel the engagement process at any stage.

Preference will be given to the candidates worked in Govt.(Central/State) / PSUs / Autonomous Bodies (Central/State) / Universities and other HEIs.

Important dates:
Opening date for submission of online application : 24.12.2025
Closing date for submission of online application : 07.01.2026

Women candidates are encouraged to apply

For Job description and other details regarding the eligibility criteria: i.e., Age, Educational Qualifications, Experience, etc., please visit ***https://www.imu.edu.in/imunew/recruitment***

Sd/-
Registrar

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Advt. No. IMU-HQ/R/Contract/2025/07 **Date: 24.12.2025**

Engagement of Head - External Communications (On Contract Basis)

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for the following post purely on temporary basis initially on 06 months' contractual engagement and extendable as per the requirement, subject to satisfactory performance.

Interested candidates may submit their applications online through the link available at ***https://www.imu.edu.in/imunew/recruitment***.

Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Monthly Consolidated Remuneration
Head - External Communications (on contract)	01	Rs. 1,00,000/- to Rs. 1,25,000/-

IMU reserves the right not to fill up the post advertised (or) cancel the engagement process at any stage. The place of posting shall be at IMU-Headquarters, Chennai.

Preference will be given to the candidates worked in Govt.(Central/State) / PSUs / Autonomous Bodies (Central/State) / Universities and other HEIs.

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A good template

India's FTA with New Zealand can be a precedent, not an exception

India's recently announced closure of negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) with New Zealand marks a maturing in New Delhi's approach to global trade. Unlike the earlier headline-grabbing mega trade pacts, this agreement has been negotiated from a position of sectoral caution and strategic clarity. Both countries begin from a relatively low base. India's Commerce Ministry data indicate that total trade in goods and services in FY25 was a little over $2 billion, modest by India's contemporary trade standards. Yet, the shared ambition to double trade within five years is notable – not because of the headline number, but because of how the agreement seeks to get there. The most striking feature is India's success in negotiating a mobility clause, where 5,000 Indian professionals "at any given time" will be eligible for three-year work visas in areas where India enjoys strong domestic capabilities – IT services, health care, education and traditional medicine. This goes well beyond the limited precedents set elsewhere. Even the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA) only provides for 1,000 "working holiday" visas annually, which allow young professionals to work short term, typically in hospitality or services, while travelling.

Read alongside New Zealand's decision to allow uncapped entry of Indian students into higher education institutions and a minimum 20-hour weekly part-time work entitlement, the agreement creates a deeper, people-centric economic bridge. On tariff exclusions, nearly 30% of India's tariff lines have been kept out, reflecting hard-won carve-outs to protect rural livelihoods. Dairy products; animal products other than sheep meat; and some vegetable products have been excluded. This is no small concession, given that dairy accounts for roughly a third of New Zealand's global exports. The absence of similar safeguards was a key reason India exited the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership in 2019 – a pact in which New Zealand and Australia were central players. The agreement also includes New Zealand's commitment to investments in India of about $20 billion over 15 years. In that sense, the deal moves past a narrow goods trade lens and gestures towards a more holistic economic partnership. If ratified by New Zealand's Parliament, as expected, the agreement could come into force within seven months. These are modest gains in the face of mounting global trade headwinds. But for India, the real test lies ahead: ensuring the removal of non-tariff barriers – from recognition of Indian educational qualifications to quality standards and rules of origin – and actively popularising the agreement among sectors poised to benefit. That sustained, patient work will determine whether this FTA becomes a template rather than an exception.

End the exploitation

Child trafficking needs concerted action from government and civil society

One of the worst forms of modern slavery is child trafficking, and the Supreme Court of India has issued a stern wake-up call about the prevailing situation in India. In a December 19 judgment, it observed that child trafficking is a "deeply disturbing reality" in the country where sexual exploitation of children by organised cartels continues to flourish despite protective laws. It was hearing a case regarding a minor who was forcibly exploited sexually by a gang of traffickers in Bengaluru. The Court upheld the conviction of the gang members under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act. The offence, it said, struck at the very foundations of dignity, bodily integrity and the state's constitutional promise of protection to every child against exploitation. A Bench of Justices Manoj Misra and Joymalya Bagchi drew attention to the complex and layered structure of organised crime networks which operate at various levels of recruiting, transporting, harbouring and exploiting minor victims. The Bench laid down guidelines to follow in child trafficking cases, particularly the need for "sensitivity and latitude" while hearing the child's testimony. It may not be possible for the child to narrate with precision and clarity the nature of the crime, it said, pointing out that courts must not disbelieve her testimony because of minor inconsistencies in her evidence.

A victim of sex trafficking, particularly a minor, is not an accomplice, it noted, and "her deposition is to be given due regard and credence as that of an injured witness". The Court's observations must not go in vain and the onus is on the government and civil society to do what is necessary to protect children. The net must be spread wide to end other forms of exploitation as well such as forced child labour. Stringent laws may be in place, but on the ground, much more needs to be done like giving teeth to anti-trafficking units or passing an anti-trafficking Bill. Last year, the Ministry of Home Affairs told Parliament that India had recorded as many as 10,659 cases of human trafficking between 2018 and 2022, but of the persons arrested for the crime in the same period, the conviction rate was just 4.8%. The issue of rehabilitation after rescue also has to be thought through; mere compensation is not enough. The focus must be on prevention and protection, and one way to ensure this is to keep children in school till they are 14 as the Right to Education Act promised. With the advent of the digital space, trafficking is a shape-shifting evil, and government and social entities must be prepared to tackle all its forms.

The VB-G RAM G Act 2025 fixes structural gaps

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The President of India has assented to the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, enhancing the statutory wage employment guarantee to 125 days and strengthening rural livelihoods through empowerment, convergence, and saturation-based delivery for a resilient, self-reliant rural Bharat.

A misreading by some

Yet, even as the VB-G RAM G Act comes into force, there are some who have advanced a set of assumptions that do not withstand careful scrutiny. It is being claimed that the employment guarantee has been weakened, that decentralisation and demand-based rights have been undermined without consultation, and that the reform represents fiscal withdrawal that is disguised as restructuring. Each of these assertions rests on a misreading of the Act's substance and intent.

What has led to this misreading is a deeper conceptual error – the assumption that welfare and development are opposing choices. The new framework is built on the opposite understanding: that welfare, anchored in an enhanced statutory livelihood guarantee, and development, anchored in durable infrastructure creation and productivity enhancement, are mutually reinforcing. Income support, asset creation, agricultural stability and long-term rural productivity are treated as a continuum rather than a trade-off. This is not aspirational rhetoric but an approach embedded in statutory design.

The suggestion that the legal right to employment has been diluted is incorrect. The Act retains the statutory and justiciable character of the employment guarantee while strengthening its enforceability. Far from being curtailed, the entitlement has been expanded from 100 to 125 days. Procedural dis-entitlement clauses that previously nullified unemployment allowance in practice have been removed, and time-bound grievance redress mechanisms have been reinforced. The reform directly addresses the long-recognised gap between statutory promise and lived reality.

It is also argued that demand-based employment has been abandoned in favour of top-down planning. This rests on a false binary. Demand for work continues to originate from workers. What changes is that demand is no longer addressed only after distress has set in. By anchoring execution in advance, participatory village-level planning, the reform ensures that when workers seek employment, work is actually available rather than denied due to administrative unpreparedness. Planning, in this sense, does not suppress demand; it operationalises it.

The charge of centralisation overlooks the architecture of the law. Gram panchayats remain the primary planning and implementing authorities, and gram sabhas retain approval powers over local plans. What has changed is that decentralised planning is no longer ad hoc or episodic but institutionalised as a structured and participatory process. Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans are aggregated at the block, district, State and national levels to enable coordination, convergence and visibility across sectors, not to override local priorities. What is centralised is coherence; the decision-making authority remains local. This corrects fragmentation without undermining decentralisation.

The Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025 is no demolition; the opposition to the Act is based on a set of assumptions

Claims that the reform was pushed through without consultation are equally inconsistent with the record. The Bill was preceded by extensive consultations with State governments, technical workshops and multi-stakeholder discussions. Core design features – village planning structures, convergence mechanisms and digital governance systems – were shaped by feedback from States and by lessons drawn from years of implementation.

An increase in allocations, equity

The broader premise that the employment guarantee was systematically weakened over the past decade does not align with facts. Budgetary allocations increased from ₹33,000 crore in 2013-14 to ₹86,000 crore in 2024-25. Person days generated rose from 1,660 crore in the period up to 2013-14 to 3,210 crore thereafter. Central funds released increased from ₹2.13 lakh crore to ₹8.53 lakh crore, and completed works expanded from 153 lakh to 862 lakh. Women's participation rose from 48% to 56.73%. Over 99% of fund transfer orders are now generated on time, and nearly 99% of active workers are linked to the Aadhaar Payment Bridge. These trends point to sustained commitment and improved delivery, not neglect.

What became evident over time, however, was that implementation experience had also revealed structural weaknesses in the earlier framework itself – episodic employment, weak enforceability of unemployment allowance, fragmented asset creation and persistent scope for duplication and ghost entries. These weaknesses were visible on the ground during drought years, migration spikes and periods of disruption such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fiscal restructuring under the new Act is also mischaracterised as abdication. The central government's contribution is increasing – the provision for the Centre's share rises from ₹86,000 crore to nearly ₹95,000 crore, underscoring continued and enhanced support for rural employment. The 60:40 funding model follows the long-established structure of centrally sponsored schemes, while the northeastern and Himalayan States and Jammu and Kashmir are accorded a differential 90:10 ratio. Far from signalling fiscal withdrawal, this framework reinforces shared responsibility and accountability.

Equity is ensured through rule-based normative allocation, with State-wise allocations determined on objective parameters prescribed in the Rules. States are treated not as mere implementing agencies but as partners in development, empowered to notify and operationalise their own schemes within the statutory framework. Flexibility is explicitly preserved: during natural disasters, or other extraordinary situations, States may recommend special relaxations, which includes expansion of permissible works and temporary enhancement of employment. Rule-based allocation and contextual flexibility are thus balanced in a manner consistent with cooperative federalism.

The Act empowers States to notify, in advance, periods aggregating to 60 days in a financial year covering peak sowing and harvesting seasons during which works shall not be undertaken. Differentiated notifications may be issued at the level of districts, blocks, or gram panchayats based on agro-climatic conditions, ensuring that the enhanced employment guarantee complements agricultural operations.

The UPA's record

From its very first tenure, the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government failed to match rhetoric with delivery under MGNREGA. While the Congress manifesto promised "at least 100 days of work at a real wage of ₹100 per day", the government capped wages at ₹100 as early as 2009 and kept them frozen for years, ignoring inflation and rising rural distress. The Centre openly admitted that States were acting arbitrarily under the scheme and justified the wage freeze by blaming State governments for 'indiscriminate increases'. This admission itself exposed a serious governance failure: the Congress-led Centre was unable to control even its own State governments, allowing MGNREGA to become vulnerable to misuse, fake job cards, and financial leakages.

The UPA's second term saw a steady decline in commitment to the scheme. Budgetary allocations were cut from ₹40,100 crore in 2010-11 to ₹33,000 crore by 2012-13, despite growing demand from States. In a parliamentary reply in 2013, Minister of State Rajeev Shukla acknowledged that employment under MGNREGA had fallen sharply – from 7.55 crore workers in 2010-11 to just 6.93 crore by November 2013. Delayed fund releases, lack of transparency in payments, and administrative apathy discouraged workers from seeking employment, directly undermining the legal guarantee promised under the Act.

The Comptroller and Auditor General's 2013 report laid bare the true state of MGNREGA during the UPA years. It highlighted widespread corruption and mismanagement: over 4.33 lakh fake or defective job cards, thousands of crores lost to unaccounted withdrawals and irregular work, delayed or denied wages in 23 States, and poor record-keeping in more than half of India's gram panchayats. States with the highest concentration of rural poor – Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra – used only about 20% of allocated funds, proving that the scheme failed precisely where it was needed most.

To frame the debate as a choice between welfare and development is to pose a false dichotomy. Welfare, when anchored in a guaranteed livelihood, and development, when anchored in durable rural infrastructure and productivity, are not competing objectives but interdependent ones. The real decision was whether to freeze a framework that often under-delivered, or to reform it into a modern, enforceable, and integrated employment guarantee that advances welfare through development. The new Act preserves the legal right to work, expands entitlements, strengthens worker protections, and corrects structural weaknesses revealed through years of implementation. This is not demolition, but a process of renewal grounded in experience.

Pakistan is back in West Asia's good graces

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American scholar, the late Stephen P. Cohen, had once pontificated that Pakistan often finds itself in a place of political success because it negotiates with the world by putting a gun to its own head. While this has been proven true many a time, the recent victories, both with the United States and the less talked about, West Asia, have come as a boon for the state's now all-encompassing and all-powerful Army chief, Asim Munir.

Field Marshal Munir's grasp on power has come at a moment when geopolitical successes for Islamabad are not coming through much of a design, but by way of geopolitical churns plaguing the global order and its penchant to play the narrative game to the hilt, considering that Pakistan has little to lose to begin with. Nonetheless, Field Marshal Munir being called upon as "my favourite Field Marshal" by U.S. President Donald Trump, a self-christened military honour given to Field Marshal Munir by himself, Pakistan nominating Mr. Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize for his perceived role of stopping a full-blown India-Pakistan war following Operation Sindoor, and also strongly supporting the Gulf's positions on Gaza, have brought Pakistan under an unexpected spotlight. "Much of our problems emanate from Pakistan Army," India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had recently reiterated.

Agreement with Saudi Arabia

The Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement (SMDA), signed between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in September 2025, was another victory of perception for Pakistan, and an early sign of success for Field Marshal Munir. Over the past few months, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's low public profile and photo-op appearances during international visits have showcased another shift from civil to military. For Gulf powers such as Saudi Arabia, a stable Pakistan is suddenly of consequence both from a utilitarian perspective of its military strength and its potential to supply foot-soldiers for work that Arab armies themselves would not want to do. This includes sizeable participation in any kind of international peace force in Gaza.

Field Marshal Asim Munir has been pivotal to this, taking advantage of the prevailing geopolitical situation

While the Gaza war has been on-going since 2023, its broader implications and the spread of Israel's military campaigns across the region, from Yemen against the Houthis to directly targeting Iranian nuclear facilities inside the country along with the Americans, reshaped how Arab powers have viewed regional security till date. The point of no return also came in September 2025 when Israeli missiles, reportedly launched from the Red Sea region, targeted a compound in Doha, Qatar, housing Hamas's political leadership. The strike ended up killing a Qatari security official. Prior to this, Qatar was also hit by Iran, in response to U.S. airstrikes as Tehran targeted the U.S.'s largest military installation in the region, the Al Udeid air base. In short, despite their own internal disagreements, Arab states have since moved towards a more collective ideation of defence, reading the tea leaves that the U.S. military may not come to their aid going forward.

The past

Previously, Pakistan had spent some time on the peripheries of West Asian diplomacy. On more than one occasion, the United Arab Emirates has suspended issuing of visas to Pakistani nationals on security grounds. Riyadh's loans to Islamabad have come with strict conditions with relation to the country's IMF bailouts. In 2015, Pakistan had refused to send its troops to participate in the Saudi campaign in Yemen against the Houthis fearing a fracture of relations with Iran, leaving a new and incoming Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the lurch. In 2019, then Indian Minister for External Affairs Sushma Swaraj was invited to speak at the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation meet in Abu Dhabi, forcing Pakistan to lodge a protest and stage a walkout. Ms. Swaraj took a strong position against terrorism in her speech, aimed at Pakistan without naming it, but also appealing to a growing anti-extremism posture being taken by Arab powers themselves. New Delhi hosting Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in 2019 for a state visit, at the height of the Khashoggi issue, was a buy in, supporting these transformative changes in the cradle of Islamic ideology and theology.

The road ahead

But in 2025, Pakistan has found its way back into West Asia's good graces and Field Marshal Munir has been pivotal to this design by way of taking advantage of prevailing geopolitical headwinds to merit his country's importance in backing a revised security architecture for Arab powers. Finally, there is no grand strategy at play for Field Marshal Munir. He has consolidated abject power at a time when strategic crevasses in international and West Asian security order are palpable. However, opportunism has a shelf life and does not guarantee long-term dividends. Pakistan's core economic and political crisis points remain intact and will not be overshadowed despite the victories of narratives it is currently clocking. For now, Pakistan military has utilitarian benefits for new West Asian security demands, but ideologically, the proverbial gun on its own head remains a long-term problem internationally.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR in Tamil Nadu

I am writing to express my deep concern about the recent draft electoral roll released in Tamil Nadu as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. The deletion of 97 lakh-plus voters' names raises questions about the process. My son-in-law's name was included in the draft roll despite him not submitting the SIR form. My name, which had errors in the previous roll, has been carried over to the draft roll after submitting a corrected SIR form. Given the short timeframe between the submission date and the release of the draft roll, it is implausible that lakhs of SIR forms could have been scrutinised. This suggests that the revision process may have been superficial. I am certain there are other readers who might have a similar experience.

A.B. Eddy,
Chennai

I have been residing in Kuniyamuthur, Coimbatore, for over 30 years. I have voted in every election. However, the names of my wife and I have been deleted, with the ECI website giving the reason as "untraceable/absent". We had applied online through ECINET.

Abdul Razak,
Coimbatore

Letters emailed to letters@thehindu.co.in must carry the postal address.

Implications of the Vande Mataram discourse

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The recent debate in Parliament on Vande Mataram, held as part of its 150th anniversary, deserves to be welcomed, despite the fact that a few lawmakers from the Opposition parties linked it to the forthcoming Assembly elections in West Bengal. Several participants from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the Congress, and Trinamool Congress cited historian Sabyasachi Bhattacharya's book, *Vande Mataram: The Biography of a Song*, as a key source. Not surprisingly, the debate has been accompanied by distortions. After all, politicians' history is often more about politics than about scientific truth. This is why scholars need to engage with such debates, mainly to rescue facts from ideologically motivated interpretations.

For secularists, the debate appeared to be more an exercise in Nehru-bashing than anything else. Given that the Congress is almost non-existent in West Bengal, one wonders what electoral profit the BJP might derive from this exercise. The key issue that has prominently re-emerged is whether Vande Mataram should be sung in its entirety or only in part, as is the case since Independence, in its avatar as India's national song.

According to Professor Bhattacharya, the song was probably written by Bankimchandra Chatterjee between 1872 and 1875, but it entered the public sphere through his novel *Anandamath*, published in 1881. The novel first appeared serially in *Bangadarshan*, a monthly journal founded by Bankimchandra. The first instalment of *Anandamath* was published in the 12th issue of the journal's seventh year (Bengali circa 1287), and the final instalment appeared in the Jyaistha issue of Bengali circa 1289. According to Julius Lipner, Professor of Hinduism at the University of Cambridge, Bankimchandra had a deep knowledge of Sanskrit learning and regularly reviewed Sanskrit publications in *Bangadarshan*. He referred to Sanskrit passages, texts, and expressions in his writings. Aurobindo Ghose considered Bankim "the rishi of Indian nationalism."

The song played a vital role during the Swadeshi movement. However, around the 1930s, prominent leaders of major political organisations such as the Congress, Hindu Mahasabha, and Muslim League engaged in discussions over it, rendering it politically controversial. Some Muslim leaders objected to certain parts of it, viewing them as idolatrous. According to puritan interpretations of Islam, Muslims are to worship only Allah, the Creator of all, including Mother Earth and the motherland itself. They are not permitted to worship anyone else, not even Islam's only messenger, Prophet Muhammad. It is said that the Prophet was very particular during his lifetime not to leave any image or portrait of himself, as he feared that followers might begin to worship his likeness over time.

Among prominent leaders, Jawaharlal Nehru and Rabindranath Tagore understood how the extended version of the song might affect Muslim sensibilities. As a consequence, only the first two stanzas were adopted as the national song. Tagore said, "I freely concede that the whole of Bankim's Vande Mataram poem, read together with its context, is liable to be interpreted in ways that might wound Muslim susceptibilities."

Even Mahatma Gandhi, who was initially enthusiastic about the song, later reconsidered his position. In July 1939, Gandhi wrote in *Harijan*: "It had never occurred to me that it was a Hindu song or meant only for Hindus. Unfortunately, now we have fallen on evil days." Gandhi reportedly advised local boards and Legislative Assemblies not to sing the song. Notably, Prof. Bhattacharya titled the first chapter of his book as 'A Communal War Cry'.

In the recent parliamentary debate, this historical context explains why some Muslim MPs such as Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM) and Aga Syed Ruhullah (National Conference) invoked Article 25 of the Constitution, which guarantees every citizen the freedom to practise their faith. This constitutionally protected right, in the context of singing Vande Mataram, has not been adequately addressed by the Hindu Right. Instead, its leaders tend to dismiss such concerns as mere "appeasement politics" by Nehru and others. However, as is now well established, any issue involving Muslims tends to be coloured by baseless accusations of appeasement, which only renders such arguments hollow and xenophobic.

A litmus test

It appears that the desire to sing Vande Mataram in full has been turned into a litmus test of Indian nationalism. Yet Indian nationalism is far older and far more robust. It lived in the minds and hearts of Indians long before Vande Mataram was composed. Even V.D. Savarkar, the most prominent Hindu Right thinker, recognised this when he celebrated Hindu-Muslim unity in the 1857 resistance against British rule in his book, *The Indian War of Independence of 1857*.

The most curious aspect of this controversy is that, while some Muslims and secularists consider Vande Mataram idolatrous, Bankimchandra himself was known to oppose idolatry. In an 1874 essay on the worship of deities in Bengal, he argued that idolatry was "anti-science," inimical to the growth of the human self, and a constraint on the human mind.

Nonetheless, the tone and tenor of the debate in Parliament show that the last word on this issue has not yet been spoken – and that the ensuing discussions will have implications for Indian secularism and Hindu-Muslim relations.

Ensuing discussions in Parliament will have implications for Indian secularism and Hindu-Muslim relations

It is time to put apprehensions to rest

The manner in which the SIR was conducted in Tamil Nadu raises questions

STATE OF PLAY

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The State Public (Elections) Department, which released the key findings of the initial phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls on December 19 in Tamil Nadu, has much to answer about the way the exercise was carried out. This is not just because 97.4 lakh names have been removed from the rolls, but also because of the manner in which the department has carried out the task.

Besides, the claims made by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), who heads the department, are too good to be true. The claim of distributing over 6.41 crore enumeration forms with 100% coverage appears questionable, as many voters whose names were on the rolls until recently report that no officials visited their residences to distribute the forms, even in cities such as Chennai and Coimbatore. On the contrary, several voters reached out to their local officers to get the forms. Those who could not were left out. Some voters also found to their dismay that their names had been deleted even after submitting the forms online "successfully".

Another statement – that booth-level officers (BLOs) made "at least three visits" for collection – raises questions. In some places such as Tiruvarur and Tiruchi, the officials visited voters twice. But in Chennai and Madurai, largely, they visited voters only once. The same was the case in Chidambaram. In one case, in Tiruvallur district, enumeration forms were "submitted" without the knowledge of the voters concerned. This cannot be dismissed lightly. In fact, my name and Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number were deleted from the electoral rolls at my current residence in Chennai – where I have lived for over a decade – during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, without prior notice. Luckily, as my name was still in the old address, from which I had moved out many years ago, the authorities advised me to cast my vote. Also, I was assigned a new EPIC number at the address that was no longer my residence, again without my knowledge.

Regarding the most contentious aspect – the Absent/Shifted/Deceased (ASD) category – it has not yet been clarified how the Election Commission or the department determines these figures, even though this category accounts for all deleted voters. After taking into account the deletions, the revised strength of electors comes to around 5.44 crore.

As regards how the authorities arrived at the conclusion about the deceased, whose figure is approximately 27 lakh, the CEO, Archana Patnaik, says the assessment was made based on field inquiry. While many voters may not have death certificates, some BLOs insist on collecting death certificates. As for the 'shifted' and 'absentee' cases, numbering 664 lakh, it is unclear how this figure has been arrived at when many tenants have not come across officials inquiring about the previous occupants.

Regarding data dissemination, the authorities did not publish district-wise weekly progress of enumeration on the CEO's website. Only after efforts of the media did the office place in the public domain the data regarding the Assembly constituency-wise break up of ASD. But, again, no official data are available on the gender-wise break up of ASD.

There are also reports of anomalies in the deletions. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, in an interaction with DMK colleagues a few days ago, flagged deletions exceeding 10% in 168 Assembly constituencies. He pointed out how four people in a booth in the Gummidipoondi Assembly constituency, enrolled as electors during the party's drive about four months ago, had been left out, with one person having been identified as the deceased.

What is obvious is that the draft rolls are not error-free or flawless. Under such circumstances, it is natural for the ruling party and its allies to express their concerns over large-scale deletions. Only the AIADMK general secretary, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, came out in support of the SIR which, he said, had reinforced his party's contention that most of the deleted voters were bogus voters.

However, the two Dravidian majors are on the same page when they say that no genuine voter should be left out as inclusions can still be made up to January 18. Before the State moves to the next stage, the CEO and the Election Commission would do well to clear all these apprehensions and doubts so that a conducive environment is created for a free and fair election next year.

The upskilling gap: why women risk being left behind by AI

With 10 hours less per week for self-development than men, India's working women need flexible learning and "time-saving" policies to compete

DATA POINT

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As 2025 ends, Indians are consumed by two anxieties – whether artificial intelligence (AI) will take over their jobs, and whether the future belongs to 80-hour work weeks or the right to disconnect after office hours. But for millions of working women, a near 80-hour work week is already a lived reality, as their workday continues long after office hours, filled with unrecognised and unpaid labour. Unfortunately, no AI or algorithm has yet threatened to take over women's "unpaid work" or rescue them from the long hours spent on cooking, cleaning, caregiving, planning, and emotional management.

India's latest Time Use Survey (2024) makes this reality unmistakable: 40% of women now participate in the labour force. They are not simply leaning into paid work; instead, they are working a relentless second shift. As women take on more paid work, their unpaid responsibilities hardly decline – instead of substitution, there is stacking. This results in working women being left with limited time for personal development, leisure, or adequate rest.

Chart 1 highlights a stark imbalance in how Indian men and women divide their working hours. On average, working women spend around 9.6 hours a day on combined paid and unpaid work. A substantial share of this time is, however, spent on unpaid work that largely comprises elderly and childcare activities; domestic chores such as cooking and cleaning; and other voluntary work and subsistence production. This burden peaks when women are in their prime ages (25-39 years), leading to their total working hours exceeding 70 hours a week.

In contrast, men record lower total hours of work. On average, they spend about 8.6 hours a day on combined paid and unpaid work, with more than 80% of this time devoted to paid activities (wage/salaried work, remunerative self-employment, and production of goods and services for sale). Across the working life cycle, men's total work hours typically fall within the range of 54-60 hours per week, largely because their unpaid workload is minimal and stable across life stages.

Women's working hours exceed men's across nearly every age group. The gap is widest in the 25-39 age range, when women spend double the time on unpaid caregiving than men, with childcare forming the largest component. Even later in life, while men's unpaid contributions rise marginally (often to care for ageing parents), the broader unequal contract at home remains intact, regardless of age, occupation, or income level.

Women don't have more hours in a day, but they simply offset the burden of double shifts by cutting back on time for self-care. On average, women in India sleep fewer hours in a week than men, with the gap widening to around 2-2.5 hours a week during their prime working years **(Chart 2).**

Women, on average, also spend 10 hours less than men every week on self-development activities, including learning, skill enhancement, building self-awareness and practices that support mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Once again, this gap is widest (around 11-12 hours per week) during the prime age group. These figures matter immensely in an AI-disrupted economy, since time for upskilling and self-development is essential to transition from low-skilled to higher-value work.

Women contribute a mere 17% of India's GDP, not because they do too little but because much of their essential labour is unpaid and invisible, which does not get added in national income calculations. The Periodic Labour Force Survey shows that nearly 40% of women outside the labour market cite household responsibilities as the reason. Even the recent rise in women's workforce participation is driven largely by unpaid family work and low-paid self-employment. The AI era could make this worse, as women's jobs are more automation-prone, and AI-driven performance metrics risk penalising caregivers whose time constraints remain invisible to algorithms.

True empowerment cannot mean merely adding jobs, unless paid employment replaces women's drudgery instead of compounding it. Policy, technology, and workplaces must be redesigned around women's time – an undervalued resource that underpins both care and productivity. These must shift towards an outcome-based approach that explicitly uses time-use data to free women's time from unpaid work and redirect it toward higher-value, remunerative activities.

The gender budget can be a key tool to enable this by integrating time-use metrics. Budgets must prioritise and sustain outlays to time-saving infrastructure such as affordable childcare and elderly care, piped water, clean energy, and safe public transport. Simultaneously, to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing world of work, women must have access to lifelong and flexible upskilling opportunities designed around their time, mobility, and digital constraints. This calls for sustained gender budget allocations to expand programmes that build locally relevant vocational capabilities, strengthen technology and digital skills, and scale targeted initiatives such as the India AI Mission and AI Careers for Women programmes.

Until women's time is valued, freed, and mainstreamed into policy and growth strategy, India's 2047 Viksit Bharat vision will remain constrained by women's invisible labour, time poverty and underutilised potential.

Double shift for women

Chart 1A: Working hours for **men** in a day across age groups

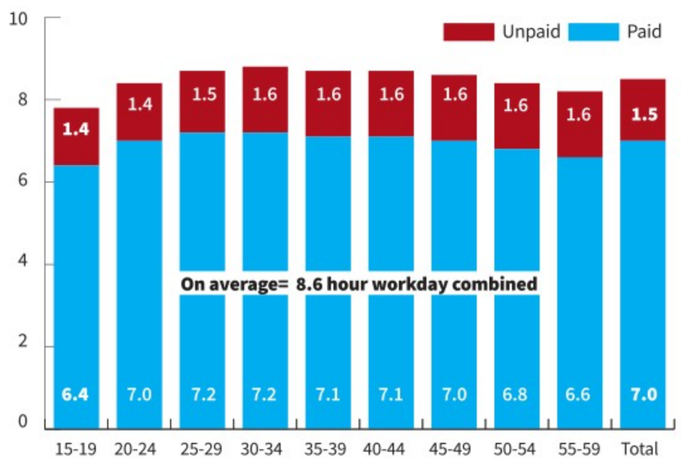


Chart 1B: Working hours for **women** in a day across age groups

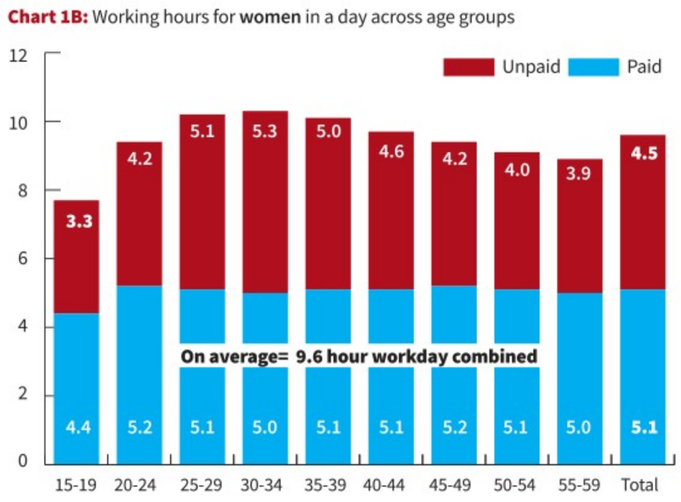
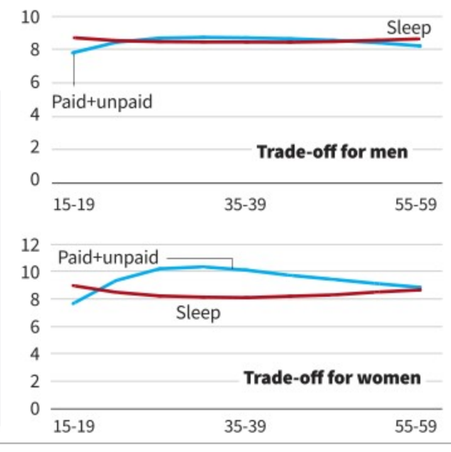


Chart 2: Trade-off between work and sleep in number of hours across age groups



Source: Time Use Survey (TUS), January 2024-December 2024

Authors' calculations from Time Use Survey (TUS), 2024.

The reported hours are per participant, and are calculated from the micro-data of the TUS for only those participants who reported doing both paid and unpaid work

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO DECEMBER 24, 1975

Move for U.N. steps to outlaw terrorism

Washington, Dec. 23: The United States is hoping that the Vienna kidnapping of OPEC Oil Ministers last week-end by pro-Palestinian terrorists will focus renewed attention on the urgent need to draw up a meaningful international treaty outlawing this form of blackmail too. It is noted that aerial hijacking, which was another weapon used by Arab extremists, has virtually disappeared since last year after the international community enacted a convention under which all countries agreed to deny asylum to hijackers and decided to look upon it as a common law crime rather than as a "political act."

Previous attempts at the United Nations to mete out the same treatment to terrorists resorting to kidnapping and murder had failed because Arab Governments, conservative as well as radical, with African support, blocked such moves, arguing that the move was aimed at curbing their Palestinian brethren's attempts to demonstrate a legitimate political grievance – at the last count, only Tunisia, among the 30 odd Arab States had signed even a mildly worded UN convention outlawing kidnapping.

It is now hoped that since the hostages taken at Vienna by the terrorists calling themselves an "Arm of the Arab Liberation" included several Arab Ministers, their Governments would be jolted into agreeing to a new international convention which will stamp political kidnappings too as a common crime.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO DECEMBER 24, 1925

Operating on heart without anaesthetic

A German medical feat: An Air Force Pilot who had been badly wounded during the War, was, we are told in "The Lancet," in so critical a condition that an anaesthetic was out of the question. It was decided to render the area round the heart insensitive by injecting novocaine, and to cut open the chest and manipulate the heart while the patient was fully serious. Adhesions to the heart which had caused the trouble were removed while he chatted with the nurse. During the whole operation he "experienced no sensations that gave him any knowledge or anything being done to him." He now has excellent health.

From Page One

Bangladesh missions in India witness protests

The Indian High Commissioner was summoned following a series of incidents that started with reports claiming that the main plotters in the murder of Hadi had escaped to India. The protests also focused on Bangladesh citizen Dipu Chandra Das who was lynched and burnt in a public square last Thursday. This triggered mobs to target the Indian High Commission in Dhaka and other Indian missions in Bangladesh. Responding to the security situation, India stopped work at all the Indian Visa Application Centres, but sources said the centres have since restarted work.

Bangladesh stopped visa facilities at the High Commission here starting Monday and shut "all visa and consular" services in the Assistant High Commission of Bangladesh in Agartala. Protests took place outside the Bangladesh visa processing centre in Siliguri.

In Mumbai, on Tuesday, around 50 activists of the VHP and Bajrang Dal gathered outside the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission holding saffron flags and 'save Hindus' placards.

The protests in Kolkata, organised under the banner of '*Bongiyo Hindu Jagaran*', turned violent after the protesters tried to breach the barricades and police used force to prevent them. Several persons were injured in the police action, the protesters claimed.

In a message, chief adviser of the administration Mohammad Yunus said the killing of Das was a "heinous criminal act with no justification and no place in Bangladeshi society" and extended financial support to his family.

(With inputs from Shiv Sahay Singh in Kolkata and PTI)

India pledges $450 mn for Sri Lanka's recovery

As part of 'Operation Sagar Bandhu', the High Commission of India in Colombo sourced and helped distribute humanitarian aid, relief supplies, and medical assistance to augment the Sri Lankan government's efforts. "The Indian Army set up a field hospital with 85 medical personnel near Kandy, giving emergency care to more than 8,000 people," Mr. Jaishankar said, assuring Sri Lanka that "India stands firmly with Sri Lanka more than ever before".

Making a media statement alongside Mr. Jaishankar, Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath said Colombo deeply appreciated his visit, as it "underscores India's steadfast solidarity with Sri Lanka" in the aftermath of Cyclone Ditwah. He recalled India's "unprecedented assistance" amounting to $4 billion, extended through lines of credit for essential goods and petroleum, bilateral currency swaps, and liability deferment, when the island's economy crashed in 2022, leading to a historic sovereign debt default.

Bilateral discussions

The visiting Indian Minister's trip also included bilateral discussions with the Sri Lankan side, on ongoing and further cooperation. Mr. Jaishankar later called on Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya and met with opposition members, including Leader of Opposition Sajith Premadasa, and Indian business community representatives.

India's first anti-terror policy to be out soon

"The Home Ministry is finalising the document and the NIA has also given its inputs," an NIA official told *The Hindu*.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had announced last November that a National Counter Terrorism Policy and Strategy would be introduced soon. After the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, the NIA had conducted meetings with anti-terror units of all States and apprised them of the measures to be put in place to prevent and pre-empt such attacks.

The use of the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), a secure platform for law enforcement agencies to access government and other databases, has also been discussed.

Over the past few months, NIA director general Sadanand Date and National Security Guard chief Brighu Srinivasan have briefed a few State police chiefs on issues such as foreign-funded conversion rackets, online radicalisation, and Aadhaar spoofing, among others.

Open border concerns

An Uttar Pradesh police official said that online radicalisation and the misuse of the open border with Nepal have been flagged as priority issues likely to find mention in the new anti-terror policy. "There have been instances when members associated with the Khalistani terrorist network came to Nepal on foreign passports. They leave the passport in the neighbouring country, enter India through the open, and go to Punjab through the U.P.-Bihar-Nepal border," the U.P police official said.

Digital radicalisation

The interrogation of the doctors arrested in relation to the November 10 car-borne suicide attack near Delhi's Red Fort also revealed that they were radicalised online, an NIA official said.

Another State police official said deliberations are on to get feedback from States on ways to address online radicalisation.

Court rejects U.P. govt. plea to drop Akhlaq lynching case

Fast-track court, marking the case as most important, issues directions for daily hearing and protection of evidence; Cong. hails ruling, says the State government's agenda has been defeated

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LUCKNOW

A fast-track court in Surajpur of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday rejected the State government's plea to withdraw the prosecution case against the men accused of lynching Mohammad Akhlaq in 2015 over an allegation of slaughtering a cow.

Additional District Judge Saurabh Dwivedi rejected the plea under Section 321 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which sought to drop charges against the 14 accused.

The court, marking the case as most important, issued directions for daily hearing of the case and protection of the evidence. The case will be heard next on January 6, 2026.

The Congress welcomed the court's ruling, saying that the State government's agenda has been defeated.

The lynching case dates back to September 28, 2015, when a crowd gathered outside Akhlaq's house in Dadri after an alleged announcement from a village temple claimed that he had slaughtered a cow. Akhlaq and his son Danish were dragged out of their home and assaulted until they fell unconscious. The victim died at a Noida hospital.

Bereaved kin: The wife and daughter of Mohammad Akhlaq, who was lynched in Dadri in September 2015. FILE PHOTO

The local police filed a First Information Report (FIR) under Sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder),147 (rioting), 148 (rioting with deadly weapon), 149 (unlawful assembly), 323 (assault), 504 (intentional insult to disturb peace), among others of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Jarcha police station.

Chargesheet filed

The same year, the police filed a chargesheet against 15 people, and named Vishal Rana, son of a local BJP leader, as the main accused who took the mob to Akhlaq's house and assaulted the family.

The Uttar Pradesh government had pushed to withdraw the case against the accused in October this year.

Additional district government counsel of Gautam Buddha Nagar, Bhag Singh Bhati, had filed the application in the local court following directions of the State government through a letter dated August 26, 2025.

"We welcome the court's decision in the critical case with far-reaching consequences. In the matter by attempting to withdraw the case against the accused, the government pushed its communal agenda of emboldening elements involved in heinous crime like lynching, but the court gave a reality check to the government," said senior Congress leader from the State Anil Yadav after Tuesday's ruling.

"It was a dangerous trend in the making as the government has started pushing to withdraw the case against the accused involved in creating a divide on religious lines and committing lynching," he added. The Congress demanded adequate security for the judge who passed the order given the sensitivity of the matter.

Delhi court frames charges against MP in visa scam case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Karti Chidambaram

A Delhi court on Tuesday framed charges against Congress MP from Tamil Nadu, Karti Chidambaram, for offences like criminal conspiracy, destruction of evidence and bribing a public servant in a case related to visas for Chinese nationals.

Special Judge Dig Vinay Singh of the Rouse Avenue Courts framed charges against Mr. Karti, his alleged close aide S. Bhaskararaman and five other accused persons. One of the accused was discharged of all the charges pressed against him by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is investigating the case.

'Used his influence'

The matter pertains to an FIR lodged by the probe agency in which it was alleged that Mr. Karti had helped 250 Chinese nationals to get visas to India to work in a power company, in 2011. The CBI alleged that the MP used his influence to get the work done as this was the time when his father, P. Chidambaram, was the Union Home Minister. The agency also alleged that he took ₹50 lakh from each person in return.

In the chargesheet, filed last year, the CBI had said that Mr. Bhaskararaman acted as an agent of Mr. Karti.

The judge noted that since the case is at the stage of deciding charges, the court need not weigh and sift through the evidence as if passing a judgment.

"At this stage, the court has to merely consider the broad probabilities, the total effect of the evidence and documents produced, any basic infirmities in the case, and so forth," the court said.

Delhi HC suspends jail term of Unnao rape case convict

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday suspended the jail term of expelled BJP leader Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who is serving life imprisonment after being convicted in the 2017 Unnao rape case. It also granted bail, while imposing several conditions.

A Bench of Justice Subramonium Prasad and Justice Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar ordered Sengar not to come within a 5 km radius of the victim's residence in Delhi and not to threaten her or her mother. "Violation of any of the conditions would lead to cancellation of bail," the court said.

Sengar's sentence has been suspended by the court till the pendency of his appeal challenging his conviction and sentence by a trial court in December 2019.

Sengar, who is currently lodged in prison, will, however, remain in jail as he is also serving a 10-year sentence in the custodial death case of the rape victim's father.

In 2017, Sengar kidnapped the girl and raped her, when she was still a minor.

It directed the concerned Deputy Commissioner of Police of the area where the survivor is currently residing "to personally ensure and supervise the protection given to the victim/survivor during the pendency of the appeal".

Court awards life term for 13 in lynching of father and son in Murshidabad

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KOLKATA

A court in West Bengal's Murshidabad convicted 13 persons of lynching a father-son duo, Harogobind Das and Chandan Das, at Samserganj in April amid a violent protest against the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, and sentenced all of them to lifetime imprisonment on Tuesday. The court also directed the State to pay ₹15 lakh as compensation to the victims' family.

The 13 were pronounced guilty on Monday, eight months after a murder that left the communally-diverse Samserganj area unsettled and tense for weeks. The convicts are: Dildar Nadab, 28; Asmaul Nadab, 27; Inzamul Haque, 27; Zia-ul Haque, 45; Fekarul Sheikh, 25; Azfarul Sheikh, 24; Monirul Sheikh, 39; Iqbal Sheikh, 28; Nurul Islam, 23; Saba Karim, 25; Hazrat Sheikh, 36; Akbar Ali, 30; and Yusuf Sheikh, 49.

"We made the case stand on seven Sections, including mob lynching, rioting, dacoity, house trespassing, and murder. The court has awarded life imprisonment to all convicts, including 10 years' imprisonment for dacoity and house trespassing, and five years for rioting. A sum of ₹5,000 fine has also been levied for each offence. State authorities have been directed to pay ₹15 lakh as compensation to the victims' family," public prosecutor Bivas Chatterjee told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

He said this was the second conviction in the country and the first in West Bengal under Section 103(2) of the BNS that pertained to mob lynching.

On April 12, Harogobind and Chandan were brutally hacked to death after being dragged out of their home in Jafrabad village when a protest against the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 turned violent. The mob also torched and vandalised property, compelling hundreds of residents to flee from the Samserganj area, particularly Dhulian and Tinpakuria.

Messi event: HC refuses to interfere in SIT probe

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court refused to interfere in the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the chaos that unfolded at the Lionel Messi event in Kolkata on December 13.

The event at the Salt Lake Stadium descended into chaos as thousands of Messi's fans could not catch a glimpse of him.

A Division Bench said there was no proof at the current stage of the investigation that the "investigation/enquiry is vitiated or polluted" or the members in the SIT had any interest in the event. Justice Partha Sarathi Sen said that "we are not inclined to interfere into the investigation at this stage".

'Attacks must stop if mission in Agartala has to reopen'

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Tipra Motha founder and royal scion Pradyot Kishore Manikya Debbarma said that the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Tripura's capital, Agartala, would not be allowed to reopen unless attacks on Hindus and other minorities, and anti-India statements in the neighbouring country stopped.

Reacting to the suspension of all visa and consular services by the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission, he said on Tuesday that India was capable of responding firmly to threats issued to Indian diplomatic missions in Bangladesh.

National interest

Mr. Debbarma said that national interest must take precedence over party politics, and called for unity in the face of external challenges.

Bengal govt. quelling peaceful protests by Hindu groups: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday accused the West Bengal government of suppressing peaceful protests by Hindu organisations against what it described as the continued "targeted violence" against community members in Bangladesh.

The attacks on the community in Bangladesh had deeply hurt and angered Hindus in India, prompting peaceful demonstrations in various parts of the country, BJP MP and spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said, addressing a press briefing.

Situation 'dire'

However, in States ruled by the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc, the situation was "dire", he alleged.

The INDIA bloc partners had adopted an ideology of "eradication of Sanatan Dharma", and were protecting "illegal immigrants", he alleged.

Sudhanshu Trivedi

Mr. Sudhanshu accused the West Bengal government and the police of acting against peaceful protests by Hindu organisations over "continued attacks on minority communities in Bangladesh, particularly Hindus."

"We strongly condemn this brutal action. This makes it amply clear that the West Bengal government has adopted the 'eradication of Sanatan Dharma' ideology from [their allies in] Tamil Nadu, and is implementing it there," he alleged.

Congress slams BJP over Ankita murder case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the BJP in the wake of fresh allegations surrounding the Ankita Bhandari murder case in Uttarakhand.

A video featuring the wife of former BJP MLA Suresh Rathore, who alleged that her husband had conversations implicating senior BJP leaders in the case, had gone viral.

Congress's Uttarakhand chief Ganesh Godiyal said "The slogan was 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao,' but recent developments raise questions about the real intent behind these words".

He accused the BJP government of destroying evidence. "Before her body was recovered, the hotel room where she stayed was demolished, and furniture was partially burnt and dumped in a swimming pool" he alleged.

HC declines to hear Vijay Mallya's plea till he returns to India

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday declined to hear absconding businessman Vijay Mallya's petition questioning the constitutional validity of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEO Act) unless he first returns to India and submits to its jurisdiction.

Mr. Mallya has moved two petitions before the High Court – one challenging the special court's 2019 order declaring him a fugitive economic offender, and another questioning the constitutional validity of the FEO Act.

A Division Bench led by Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar observed that he cannot pursue both pleas simultaneously while remaining abroad. "You will have to make a statement as to when you will return to India; only then we will hear the petition challenging the *vires* of the FEO Act," the Bench said.

APPEAL

Murugan is 17 years old suffering from "Hodgkin's Lymphoma". He is advised to undergo Chemotherapy followed by Allogenic Bone Marrow Transplantation at **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research** Centre, Madurai. The total expenditure is **Rs. 16,00,000/-**. His father is daily wage earner. Please help him to undergo the treatment as the family is very poor and they cannot afford this huge expenditure. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/M.O/ NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/c No. 60182010063310, IFSC No: CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT. Your e-mail ID is requested.
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Over 27 lakh voters out of draft rolls in Chhattisgarh

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Over 27 lakh or nearly 12.88% of voters in Chhattisgarh have been excluded from the draft electoral rolls published by the Election Commission on Tuesday after the completion of the first phase of the special intensive revision.

"Out of 2,12,30,737 electors, 1,84,95,920 electors have submitted their enumeration forms reflecting an overwhelming participation in the first phase of SIR," said Chhattisgarh Chief Electoral Officer Yashwant Kumar.

As for the remaining 27,34,817 voters, a press release stated that 1,79,043 were enrolled at multiple places. As many as 19,13,540 voters had shifted and 6,42,234 had died.

It added that "genuine voters can still be added back to the electoral roll during the claims and objections phase (From December 23 to January 22)".

"Field representatives of all seven recognised political parties also actively participated, with as many as 38,846 Booth Level Agents appointed by them," Mr. Kumar said.

42.7 lakh voters deleted from draft rolls in M.P.

Claims and objections can be filed till Jan. 22; of the deleted names, 8.46 lakh are dead, 31.51 lakh were absent or had migrated, and 2.77 lakh were registered in more than one place, says poll body

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

Ground zero: Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh meeting voters during the special intensive revision exercise in Bhopal. ANI

Over 42.74 lakh electors have been deleted from the draft voter list in Madhya Pradesh, published after the first phase of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the State, the Election Commission said on Tuesday.

Chief Electoral Officer of Madhya Pradesh, Sanjeev Kumar Jha, said that of the total 5.74 crore electors in the State, 5.31 crore submitted their enumeration forms during the SIR exercise conducted from November 4 to December 18. Around 42.74 lakh voters did not submit the document.

"Of these 42.74 lakh names, 8.46 lakh, or 1.47%, were found to be deceased, 31.51 lakh, or 5.49%, were either absent (from their given home address) or had shifted to other places, while 2.77 lakh people were found to be registered as voters in more than one place," Mr. Jha said. Those left out of the draft list can file claims and objections from December 23 to January 22, he added.

The final electoral rolls will be released on February 21.

"During the claims and objection period, any elector may file claims or objections for inclusion of eligible electors or deletion of ineligible names. A total of 230 EROs and 532 AEROs are in position to scrutinise such cases, including 725 AEROs additionally notified for SIR in Madhya Pradesh on December 22," he said.

'Coordinated efforts'

"The successful completion of this phase is the result of coordinated efforts of DEOs of all 55 districts, 230 EROs, 532 AEROs and BLOs deployed at 65,014 polling booths, supported by volunteers. Field representatives of all six national recognised political parties, including their district presidents, also actively participated, with as many as 1,35,882 booth-level agents appointed by them," Mr. Jha said. He said that no name that has been published in the draft list can be deleted by the ERO or the AERO without prior notice.

The Election Commission had announced the SIR in 12 States and Union Territories that began on November 4.

Ending 20 years of rivalry, Sena (UBT), MNS set to tie up for local body election

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Joining hands: MNS chief Raj Thackeray and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray during a function in Mumbai. EMMANUAL YOGINI

The Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena are all set to contest the coming municipal corporation elections in Maharashtra together, ending two decades-long differences between cousins Uddhav Thackeray and Raj Thackeray.

A formal seat-sharing announcement is likely to be made in Mumbai at noon on Wednesday, an MNS leader said.

The decision was taken after the two parties closed seat-sharing talks for Mumbai and the surrounding municipal corporations. The Congress has already clarified that it would fight the elections alone, refusing to ally with the MNS.

The move is being seen as a bid to assert 'brand Thackeray' in the coming Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) election, which in turn is being seen as a battle of existence for both, particularly after the results of the first two phases of polls. The Shiv Sena (UBT) could get only nine of the 288 seats for the president's post in the recently concluded municipal council and nagar panchayat elections.

'Interest of Mumbai'

"Yes, a formal announcement will be made. For the MNS, it is time to save Mumbai. Everyone is seeing how Mumbai is being eaten up. Raj *saaheb* has been accommodating and adjusting. He has the interest of Mumbai in his heart. We have exhibited a position of understanding, and have not dragged the talks over small issues," an MNS leader told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

Shiv Sena (UBT) sources said they had arrived at a formula after honouring the MNS's demand for a "respectable treatment". "There are a few places where we have a sitting councillor. We have agreed to leave such seats for MNS. For example, in Dadar, we have agreed to support their candidate and take back our candidate," a source from Shiv Sena (UBT) told *The Hindu*.

For the last two decades, the cousins have fought for the same votebank of Marathi voters.

The coming together of the Thackeray cousins is being seen as a challenge to Shiv Sena leader and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Trade unions call for strike against new labour codes, other laws on February 12

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A joint platform of 10 Central Trade Unions (CTUs) on Tuesday announced a call for a general strike on February 12 to protest against the implementation of the four labour codes, enactment of a new law to replace the MGNREGA, amendments to the Insurance Act, and changes to the nuclear energy laws.

In a joint statement, the unions said these changes amounted to a multi-pronged attack on people's rights and entitlements.

A national convention of workers, scheduled for January 9 in New Delhi, will formally endorse the strike call. "If the government continues to pursue the notification of Rules under the Codes and does not repeal them, the CTUs will be compelled to escalate their agitation through stronger measures, including a multiple-day general strike and sectoral resistance actions," the statement read.

"The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Act will allow private and foreign players to enter highly risky and hazardous nuclear power production with the motive of profit-making; it has withdrawn the liability of foreign and national suppliers of instruments in case of accidents/disasters - certainly, it is an attack on the nuclear security and sovereignty of our country," the statement said.

The trade unions alleged that the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act shifted the fiscal burden onto the States. "It bans the operation of the Act during harvesting season, ensuring cheap labour to the landlords," the CTUs said. They said 100% FDI in the insurance sector would practically give foreign players the right to take over domestic insurance companies.

Create awareness about new rural jobs Act, Centre tells States and U.T.s

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union government has written to the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, asking them to organise special gram sabha meetings to "create widespread awareness regarding key provisions and legal rights" under the newly enacted Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgaar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Act, 2025.

The new job scheme, hailed by the Union government as a "historic" piece of legislation "aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047", was introduced and passed in Parliament during the Winter Session, replacing the 20-year-old MGNREGA amid protests and objections from Opposition parties, scholars, and activists.

The AIAWU has asked members to take part in the sabhas and 'openly reject' the new Act. PTI

On Sunday, the Secretaries of the Department of Rural Development and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj jointly signed a letter to all the Chief Secretaries, asking them to hold the meetings by December 26, document the proceedings, and upload them in real-time with timestamped and geotagged photos and videos on the Panchayat Nirnay app.

'Will monitor progress'

It went on to say that the Ministry would "closely monitor the progress" of this effort, adding that this would ensure "effective dissemination of information and smooth transition to the new statutory framework".

The letter from the Centre argued that the new Act "aims to further strengthen rural employment, livelihood diversification, and socio-economic empowerment through a rights-based framework backed by guaranteed access to wage employment and sustainable livelihood opportunities". The Centre urged the States and Union Territories to ensure the "active participation" of villagers, workers, women, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe households, and vulnerable groups.

On Tuesday, the Left-affiliated All India Agricultural Workers Union (AIAWU) issued a statement, asking all its units and activists to actively participate in the special sabhas and "openly reject" the Act.

'NCP(SP) to contest polls in Mumbai as part of MVA'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) president Shashikant Shinde on Tuesday said the party will contest the municipal elections in Mumbai as a part of the Opposition bloc Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA).

"Our core committee has been discussing with all the parties,... we have decided to contest the elections as a part of MVA," he said. This is the first time that the party has spoken about contesting within the MVA. Till now, the allies – Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP-SP, and Congress – have been exploring other plans for the polls.

Nabin calls Rahul a 'part-time politician', accuses Cong. leader of defaming India

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA/NEW DELHI

Nitin Nabin

The newly appointed national working president of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Nitin Nabin, on Tuesday received a grand welcome during his first visit to Bihar after assuming charge last week.

Addressing party workers here, Mr. Nabin said that everyone had to live up to the expectations of people after winning 202 seats in Bihar.

He also attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, calling him a "part-time" politician. He alleged that the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha had defamed the name of the country during his foreign visits.

"We do not want to do part-time politics like Rahul Gandhi. The people of Bihar chased Rahul away so much that he ended up settling in Germany, where he is defaming the name of our country," he said.

Mr. Gandhi had a tendency to insult the Constitution and institutions like the Election Commission and the Supreme Court when he is in the country, and then go abroad and insult the entire nation, Mr. Nabin said.

"It is not appropriate to call such people young leaders, and the time has come for the public to give them a fitting reply for such behaviour," he said.

Separately, the BJP claimed that questions over Mr. Gandhi's leadership were no longer confined to the electorate, but were also being raised from within his party and among its allies. This is why Mr. Gandhi has gone abroad to make "anti-national" remarks, alleged BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla.

'No backing'

"From the Left to [Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister] Omar Abdullah, who rejected Rahul Gandhi's statements, [NCP (SP) leader] Supriya Sule, Samajwadi Party, Trinamool Congress, all reject everything he says... He now has neither public mandate, nor organisational backing," he said.

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INBRIEF

AI must be incorporated in school curricula, says V-P

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan said on Tuesday that artificial intelligence should be incorporated into school curricula, and that India should be striving to reach the top of the field. He was speaking at the 'National Conclave on AI Evolution' at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in Delhi. He launched a report on introducing AI into school curricula at the event. Mr. Radhakrishnan spoke of the India AI Mission, as part of which 38,000 graphics processing units have been provided at nominal rates to researchers and scientists to build AI models. This mission is shaping India to be a responsible AI leader, the Vice-President said.

CBI coordinates return of drug smuggler from UAE

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs, has facilitated the return of Ritik Bajaj, who was wanted in a drug smuggling case, from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Tuesday. On the request of the Delhi Police, the agency had issued an Interpol Red Notice against the accused on October 9. He faces charges of smuggling narcotic substances. The CBI initially coordinated with the Interpol National Central Bureau (NCB) Bangkok, and got information about Bajaj's travel towards the UAE. "A team of the Delhi Police visited the UAE to bring back the subject, and arrived in India with him on Tuesday," the agency said.

2 killed in fresh violence in Assam tribal council area

38 police personnel injured in clashes with protesters, who also torched a few vehicles; CM says he is closely monitoring the situation in West Karbi Anglong district; additional forces to be deployed

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Two people were killed in fresh violence that engulfed Kheroni area of Assam's West Karbi Anglong district on Tuesday. One of the victims was a person with disability.

Confirming the "deeply painful" deaths, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said he was closely monitoring the situation in the district, which, along with Karbi Anglong further east, is governed by the tribal Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC).

"Additional security forces will be deployed in Kheroni on Wednesday to maintain peace. We are in constant touch with all concerned to restore normalcy and resolve issues through dialogue... The government will stand with all affected families and provide all necessary support," he said.

One of the victims, a tribal protester, succumbed to his injuries sustained during the clash. The other, a non-tribal person with a disability was charred to death after he got trapped inside a building that was set ablaze. Following the violence, the Assam government suspended Internet services in the two KAAC districts until further notice.

Like a tinderbox: People gather around a damaged bike following arson in West Karbi Anglong on Tuesday. PTI

Kheroni, about 190 km southeast of Guwahati, had been on the boil since Monday morning when protesters demanding the eviction of "outsiders" from government-designated grazing reserves clashed with security personnel.

The protesters vandalised shops and torched a few houses, including the ancestral residence of Tuliram Ronghang, the Chief Executive Member of the Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled KAAC, at Donkamokam, 26 km away from Kheroni.

Officials said the situation was brought under control on Monday when the State's Education Minister Ranoj Pegu and Director-General of Police Harmeet Singh reached the spot and negotiated with two groups on opposing sides of the conflict – the dominant Karbi tribe and non-tribal people, including Hindi speakers.

The district authorities imposed restrictions under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) to keep people indoors. However, violence erupted in the area soon after Mr. Pegu left during the day, forcing the security personnel to undertake "mob-control measures".

Mr. Singh, camping in the affected areas since Monday evening, said 38 police personnel were injured in clashes with the protesters, who also torched a few vehicles.

"They attacked us from two sides. Thirty-eight police personnel, including an IPS officer, were injured. I was hit on the shoulder," Mr. Singh told journalists at Kheroni.

"They (protesters) had promised yesterday that they would not resort to violence, but they attacked shops and burst gas cylinders again today. We were attacked with bombs, and one of our personnel was hit by an arrow. We are exercising restraint, firing only tear gas and rubber bullets," the DGP said.

Appealing for peace, he warned that legal action would be taken if the violence continued.

Misinformation and digital fraud must be tackled: President

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Droupadi Murmu

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday said there was a need to create a community of active social media users who consistently presented fact-based narratives in the national interest.

The President said social media had transformed the world of information and communication, and it had the potential for both creation and destruction. "Protecting people from misinformation is a very challenging task. This task must be carried out continuously and very effectively," she said.

Ms. Murmu addressed the Intelligence Bureau Centenary Endowment Lecture on the subject "People-Centric National Security: Community Participation in Building Viksit Bharat" in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, and IB Director Tapan Kumar Deka.

She said that the most complex challenges to national security were non-traditional and digital in nature. Most of these problems originated from cutting-edge technologies. "In this context, there is a need to develop technologically competent communities. The growing problem of digital fraud requires vigilance at the household, institutional, and community levels. Digital platforms can empower citizens to report phishing, digital fraud, and online abuse," she said.

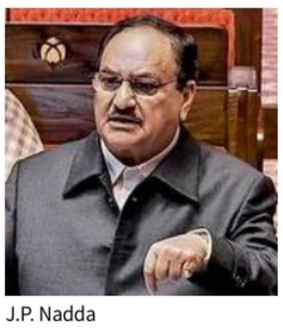
Civil duty

She added that all institutions, including the IB, should spread awareness that national security was the responsibility of every citizen. "Our Constitution enumerates the Fundamental Duties of citizens. Many of these duties relate to wider dimensions of national security. Students, teachers, media, resident welfare associations, civil society organisations and several other communities can propagate these duties," she said.

Maternal mortality dropped as institutional deliveries rose to 89%, says Health Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda said on Tuesday that the country's institutional delivery rate had gone up to 89%, leading to a significant reduction in the maternal mortality rate (MMR) during childbirth.


J.P. Nadda

Mr. Nadda, who is also the national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), made the statement after laying the foundation stone for a medical college in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district. He laid foundation for another medical college in Betul district. The two colleges will be operated on a public-private partnership (PPP) model.

"The rate of institutional deliveries in the country has increased to 89%, which led to a significant reduction in the MMR. The Narendra Modi government is striving through its healthcare services to ensure that citizens remain healthy and do not fall ill in the first place," Mr. Nadda said.

He said the two medical colleges would also be the first of its kind in the country that would function through the PPP model.

"The establishment of the medical college would provide better healthcare services to the people of Betul and the surrounding tribal areas," he said.

"Until the end of the 20th century, there was only one All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi. Now there are 23. In 2014, there were 387 medical colleges. Today, there are 819 medical colleges. Including those in Dhar and Betul, the number of medical colleges has reached 821," the Health Minister said.

The medical colleges in Dhar and Betul are going to be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹260 crore and ₹300 crore respectively, as per a State government statement.

The State currently has 33 medical colleges, including 19 government institutions.

Jnanpith Award winner Vinod Kumar Shukla passes away

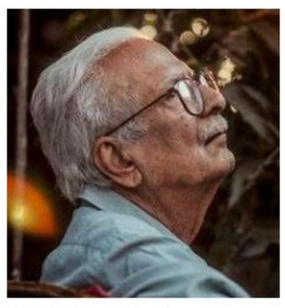
Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Renowned Hindi poet and author, and the 2024 Jnanpith Award winner, Vinod Kumar Shukla, died in Raipur on Tuesday. He was 88.

Mr. Shukla had been undergoing treatment for age-related ailments at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur, since December 2.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed sadness over the death of the writer. "He will always be remembered for his invaluable contribution to the Hindi literary world," Mr. Modi said in a post on X.

Mr. Shukla was born in 1937 in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon. His journey as a writer began in 1971, when his first poetry collection *Lagbhag Jaihind* was published. Over the years, he penned several poetry collections, including *Kavita Se Lambi Kavita*.


Vinod Kumar Shukla

His novels, including *Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi* and *Naukar Ki Kameez*, are also well-acclaimed, with the latter even being made into a film.

Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Vishnu Deo Sai, in a post on X, expressed heartfelt condolences to his family, readers, and fans.

'Critical minerals important for national security and technological sovereignty'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Critical minerals are crucial for national security, defence capability development, and technological sovereignty, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee, said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a discussion titled "Minerals that Matter: Geopolitics, Sovereignty and Value Chains", Air Marshal Dixit underscored the role of critical minerals in modern defence systems. "Modern defence systems, including jet engines, missiles, precision munitions, radars, satellites, batteries and semiconductors, are intrinsically dependent on assured access to these minerals," he said. Highlighting the geopolitical dimensions of mineral supply chains, he said that global supply networks for critical minerals are highly concentrated and increasingly subject to export controls and geopolitical pressures.

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

He emphasised that self-reliant defence manufacturing and sustained operational readiness are inseparable from secure and resilient mineral supply chains.

Referring to recent initiatives, Air Marshal Dixit highlighted the identification of critical minerals, the launch of the National Critical Mineral Mission, and government efforts to strengthen the value chain – from extraction and processing to manufacturing and recycling.

These measures, he said, are vital for translating policy intent into tangible outcomes.

The Air Marshal, who was speaking at the event organised by the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies and IP Bazzaar, inaugurated a compilation of 30 technical reports on critical minerals, featuring detailed intellectual property landscape studies and market analyses.

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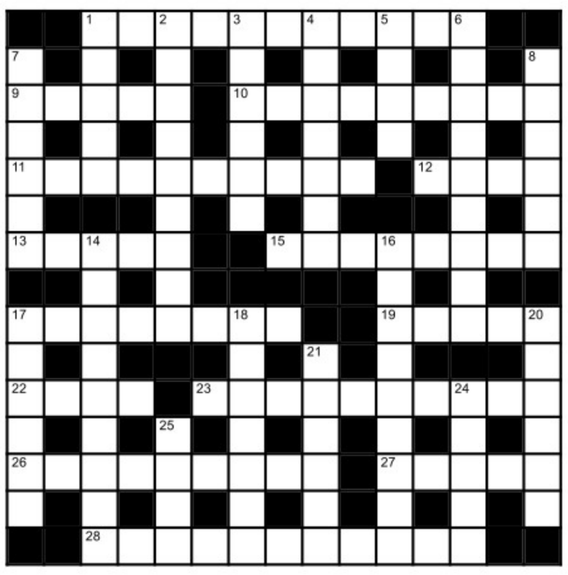

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13 Royal Academician with sports equipment in city (5)
15 I defame insular person (8)
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19 Daily exercise in ancient kingdom (5)
22 See a fellow producing a chunk of bread (4)
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28 Female staring excitedly after commencement of night shows Venus, perhaps (7,4)

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5 Those people from Perth emporium (4)
6 What the clumsy butcher sometimes was? (3-6)
7 Cloth dealer's daughter runs around simian (6)
8 China nervous? To some extent, that's more silly (6)
14 A new girl appears in torn robe in city (9)
16 Loyalist soldier following legal arrangement at 1 (9)
17 Erroneously list up flowers (6)
18 Film director dropped in Italy in the beginning (7)
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24 Animal from Rotterdam (5)
25 Spy landing place (4)

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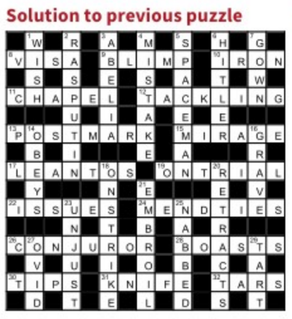

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Manickavasagar's path

Lanka Sri Jayaraj said in a discourse that there are two types of worship: devotion (bhakti) and knowledge (jnana). Our religion has traditionally accepted both forms of prayer. Saivite apostle Manickavasagar exemplifies this harmony, as his hymns reflect both intense devotion and profound spiritual knowledge. People who study the Tiruvachagam, composed by Manickavasagar, will come to understand the fundamental doctrines of our religion.

For an ascetic life, untruthfulness must be wholly given up. Arrogance is the root cause of untruthfulness, and it causes one to drift away from God. When our inner conscience is purified and refined, God, out of His infinite grace, releases us from the cycle of rebirth and grants us immortality.

Manickavasagar vividly expresses both the anguish of separation from God and the ineffable joy of divine experience. Lustful desires and anger arise naturally within us; they cannot be entirely eradicated, but they can be restrained and subdued. Such self-control helps refine and purify our inner being.

There are three kinds of weariness or emaciation: physical deterioration, mental exhaustion, and the weariness of life itself. Manickavasagar refers to this third form – the fatigue caused by repeated births – and prays to be liberated from the tyranny of the cycle of rebirth. He poignantly expresses this state with the words, "*Pirandhu Ilaithen*".

Manickavasagar stands as the pinnacle of both jnana (wisdom) and bhakti. By reciting and reflecting upon his sacred hymns, we open ourselves to his grace and are blessed with spiritual refinement and divine fulfilment.

INBRIEF

Oyo parent Prism gets nod to raise $742 million via IPO

Oyo Hotels' parent company Prism received shareholders' approval to raise up to ₹66.50 billion ($742.04 million) through a fresh issue of equity shares as part of its proposed initial public offering (IPO), a regulatory filing showed. The budget hotel aggregator first filed for an IPO in 2021, targeting a valuation of up to $12 billion. It briefly revived plans to list in March 2023 through a confidential filing and then postponed the issue for a third time this May. REUTERS

Ajanta Pharma signs pact with Biocon for Semaglutide

Ajanta Pharma has entered into an in-licensing agreement with Biocon for Semaglutide. Under the agreement, Biocon will supply Semaglutide to Ajanta for exclusive marketing in 23 countries and semi-exclusive marketing in three countries across Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. A GLP-1 receptor agonist, Semaglutide is to improve glycaemic control in adults. In a release, Ajanta Pharma and Biocon said the product patent expires in most of these markets in March 2026.

Granules gets Board approval to raise ₹1,762.5 crore

Granules India Board on Tuesday approved the drugmaker's proposals to raise ₹1,762.50 crore through issue of preferential convertible warrants and equity shares. The company plans to issue 2.5 crore convertible warrants for ₹585 each aggregating up to ₹1,462.50 crore on a preferential basis to members of the promoter group and non-promoter investor category. Granules also plans to raise funds through issue of more than 51.28 lakh equity shares.

With ₹4,500-cr. push, SCL Mohali may still not be at cutting edge

The Semi-Conductor Lab is unlikely to regain its stature in chipmaking though the funds would let it be a reliable source and student resource

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Staying in spotlight: SCL could still play a massive role, Ajai Chowdhry, said citing the chips used in LED bulbs. FILE PHOTO

In the coming months, the Semi-Conductor Lab, or SCL Mohali, will benefit from the largest infusion of capital in its history: a corpus of ₹4,500 crore from the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) to modernise its operations. Even as it gains these funds, though, it will not be at the cutting edge of the chip ecosystem in India – which it was before a devastating fire in 1989 – as large fabrication and packaging units backed by domestic conglomerates and international chipmaking majors are ramping up more cutting edge operations.

SCL Mohali was established in 1983, and started operations the subsequent year, as a part of a national strategy to lead in the global semiconductor race. However, in 1989, as a fire broke out in the facility, SCL lost its lead, and has since been far from the cutting edge that countries like Taiwan and Japan have managed on the chipmaking front. Ajai Chowdhry, one of the founders of Hindustan Computers Ltd. (HCL), pointed out in a 2023 book that SCL was India's "sole fabrication plant." Mr. Chowdhry mentioned that SCL was under the administrative purview of the Department of Space as recently as 2023. This underlines SCL's relatively limited role so far in this century: the fab's customers have mainly been the Union government itself, with PSUs like ISRO and the DRDO placing their trust in the unit's so-called "legacy" chips over any imported product. Since large systems like train bogeys and satellites typically require hundreds of chips, and miniaturising these systems it not as big a concern as it is for personal electronics like smartphones, SCL chips have found a place in many indigenous engineering projects.

Modern chips, which produce integrated circuits at single-digit nanometre scales, are billions of dollars of investment away from SCL's current capabilities, an official told *The Hindu*, given that technologies like extreme ultraviolet photolithography are controlled by a handful of firms who lead the cutting edge. Mr. Chowdhry wrote in his 2023 book that there would still be a massive role that SCL could play, even if it wasn't leading from the front; one example he cited was chips used in LED bulbs.

"The value of the Indian LED lighting market stood at $2.754 billion in 2021, and the IMARC Group projects that it will reach $9.658 billion by 2027," Mr. Chowdhry wrote.

A domestic push to grow the domestic manufacturing of hundreds of millions of such chips, he said, would "automatically create demand for upcoming semiconductor ATMP units in India and the SCL Fab". "It must be kept in mind that the chips required for most generic products are fairly low-level," Mr. Chowdhry added in the book, *Just Aspire*.

RBI announces fresh measures to inject ₹2.90 lakh cr. liquidity

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday announced to conduct Open Market Operation (OMO) purchase auctions of Government of India securities for an aggregate amount of ₹2,00,000 crore ($22.34 billion) and dollar rupee swap auction of $10 billion for a tenor of three years to inject liquidity into the banking system.

While the government securities purchases will be conducted in four tranches of ₹50,000 crore each to be held on December 29, 2025, January 5, 2026, January 12, 2026, and January 22, 2026, the dollar rupee swap auction will be held on January 13, 2026, the RBI said.

According to analysts, these fresh measures, besides infusing rupee liquidity into the banking system, would take away excess dollar liquidity which is believed to have inflated dollar rupee forward premium. Also, this measure is expected to provide a breather to the depleting dollar reserves.

As per RBI data, it had sold a net of $11.88 billion in the inter-bank forex market in October 2025 to arrest rupee fall.

Chola Investment trashes misgovernance allegations as baseless

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A website alleged that it had identified transactions upwards of ₹10,000 crore involving CIFCL

Murugappa Group firm Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company (CIFCL) on Tuesday dismissed corporate misgovernance allegations as "malicious and baseless", asserting that they were driven by ulterior motives.

Allegations were levelled against some of the companies of the Murugappa Group by the *Cobrapost* website. It alleged that it had identified transactions aggregating upwards of ₹10,000 crore involving CIFCL and a network of related Murugappa Group entities, family members, and key management personnel (KMP).

Dismissing the allegation, CIFCL, in a regulatory filing, said, "The entire allegations are malicious and baseless, stated with ulterior motives".

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	85,525	-0.05
US Dollar	89.63	0.05
Gold	1,40,850	1.91
Brent oil	61.86	0.00

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2248.80	-14.70
Adani Ports	1493.60	-15.10
Apollo Hosp	7073.50	19.50
Asian Paints	2807.80	0.20
Axis Bank	1225.00	-8.20
Bajaj Auto	9099.00	-65.00
Bajaj Finserv	2047.60	-2.20
Bajaj Finance	1011.40	3.60
Bharat Elec	399.40	0.45
Bharti Airtel	2122.90	-24.70
Cipla	1500.70	-12.20
Coal India	400.40	14.15
Dr Reddys Lab	1283.50	0.10
Hindustan Unilever	40.20	0.00
Eicher Motors	7303.00	11.50
Eternal Ltd.	284.35	-2.35
Grasim Ind	2829.80	20.10
HCL Tech	1679.90	9.60
HDFC Bank	996.60	8.90
HDFC Life	763.95	2.15
Hindalco	863.85	-0.70
Hind Unilever	2302.60	13.10
ICICI Bank	1363.00	-5.50
IntGlobeAvi	5157.00	11.50
Infosys	1668.30	-21.30
ITC	407.35	4.65
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	298.70	-0.05
JSW Steel	1096.80	1.90
Kotak Bank	2162.70	13.00
L&T	4058.80	-13.60
M&M	3625.10	8.40
Maruti Suzuki	16585.00	-64.00
Max Healthcare	1075.20	-2.40
NestleIndia	1256.50	-0.70
NTPC	323.25	2.55
ONGC	235.49	1.31
PowerGrid Corp	267.00	2.00
Reliance Ind	1570.70	-4.70
SBI Life	2024.80	2.50
State Bank	971.90	-2.40
Shriram Finance Ltd.	957.80	22.95
Sun Pharma	1755.90	-13.90
TataConsumerProduct	1185.60	6.80
Tata Steel	170.90	1.68
TCS	3310.00	-14.90
Tech Mahindra	1633.00	-13.70
Titan	3925.80	-8.00
Tata Motors PV	363.25	4.10
Trent Ltd.	4189.40	-17.40
UltraTech Cement	11678.00	146.00
Wipro	271.40	-1.27

Aurobindo to buy additional 20% stake in Chinese JV

Aurobindo Pharma will acquire an additional 20% stake in inhalation products manufacturing joint venture Luoxin Aurovitas in China from the JV partner for $5.125 million.

Tata Motors to defend EV market leadership, albeit with less share

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Shailesh Chandra

Despite rising competition from multiple players in the electric vehicles (EV) space, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. (TMPV) said it would defend its market leadership position in this space in India though with a reduced market share.

"In this quarter we had a market share of 44%. We will defend market share of 45% to 50% in India despite competition. This will be powered by the six existing products and we will add five new ones. And we will make a compelling proposition," Shailesh Chandra, MD & CEO, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd., said. Tata Motors on Tuesday announced that it had cumulatively sold over 2.5 lakh TATA.ev vehicles since 2018, affirming its position as the pioneer and market leader in India's growing electric passenger vehicle segment.

Nexon.ev has become the first EV in India to cross 1,00,000 cumulative sales.

BoI raises ₹10,000 crore via infra bonds

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Bank of India (BoI), said it has raised ₹10,000 crore via issue of Long Term Infrastructure bonds at the rate of 7.23% per annum through NSE Electronic Bidding Provider Platform. The base issue size was ₹5,000 crore with Green Shoe option of ₹5,000 crore. The bank received total of 83 bids amounting to ₹15,305 crore. Out of this, the bank accepted 37 bids totalling ₹10,000 cr.

"The funds raised through the Long Term Bonds will be used for funding long term projects in infrastructure sub-sectors and affordable housing in accordance with RBI guidelines," the bank said.

India becomes Samsonite's biggest base for manufacturing

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

After two phases of capacity expansions involving a capex of ₹250 crore, India has now become the largest manufacturing base of American luggage company Samsonite, out beating Hungary and Belgium.

"The company experienced phenomenal growth post-COVID with a 70% growth compared with pre-COVID levels, outpacing industry CAGR substantially over the past six years," said Jai Krishan, CEO – India, Samsonite South Asia, adding 2024 was a slow year and growth resumed in 2025.

Ramky Infra order book at ₹10,000 cr., ₹3,000 cr. in pipeline

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Ramky has emerged as the lowest bidder for ₹3,000 crore projects and hopeful of securing them

Ramky Infrastructure's order book stands is around ₹10,000 crore and the company is also hopeful of securing an additional ₹3,000 crore projects.

The ₹10,000 crore order book offers visibility for about 2-2.5 years, CEO Sunil Nair said in a year-end update during a media interaction here on Tuesday.

On the pipeline, he said Ramky had emerged as the lowest bidder for ₹3,000 crore projects and was hopeful of securing them in the next few coming quarters.

He said the company will continue to focus on opportunities in projects ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹2,000 crore as part of an approach aimed at reducing fragmentation across multiple small projects and supporting tighter delivery controls on complex jobs.

The international project pipeline is close to ₹1,000 crore with the company's focus on industrial parks and water projects, Mr. Nair said.

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
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Sl. No	Online Tender no with qty./ Document Cost	Sale Period	Pre-bid	Submission	Opening
1	E1454/DLY/RC/TNMSC/ ENGG/2025, Dt:22.12.2025– Hemodialysis Machine with stabilizer (82) and various consumables – Rs.5,725/-	24.12.2025 to 05.01.2026	29.12.2025 11.00 AM	06.01.2026 11.00 AM	06.01.2026 12.00 Noon

For details visit **www.tntenders.gov.in** and TNMSC website **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in**
DIPR/6774/TENDER/2025 — GENERAL MANAGER (EQUIPMENT)

SANJAY GANDHI INSTITUTE OF TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS
(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institute)
Byrasandra, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru - 560 011 Ph: 080-26564516, 26562500 Grams: SITO Fax: 26565222 E-mail: sitodirector@gmail.com
No.SGITO/e-Tender/Robot/Joint replace/13/2025-26 Date:22-12-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma & Orthopaedics, Byrasandra, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru - 11 invites tender from the eligible tenderers through the KPP portal of GOK for The Following:-

" **ROBOTIC NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR JOINT REPLACEMENT SURGERIES"**

The Tenderers can download the documents from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **24-12-2025** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through KPP-portal is **27-01-2026** upto **4:00** pm.

The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject or cancel tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Director,
DIPR/SI/4626/2025-26 — **Tender Inviting Authority**

HOKMB-TVM/481/2025-C1 (Devp) I/67096/2025
KERALA MARITIME BOARD
(A statutory Board of Govt. of Kerala)

RE-TENDER NOTICE

KMB invites tenders for
Development of Ponnani Maritime & Industrial Hub, Malappuram, Kerala
In Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.
E-Tender Id: 2025_KMB_802172_2
Last date of submission:
09-01-2026, 06.55 PM
For more details visit:
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
For further information:
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kmb.kerala@gmail.com
D3/920/2025/I&PRD

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
GREATER CHENNAI POLICE
TENDER NOTICE
C.No.MPF.1/23577-1/2022, Dated: 22.12.2025
e-tenders are invited for the supply of following Two Cover System

Tender document for the Implementation of Conversational Artificial Intelligence solution by Introducing ChatBot, VoiceBot, VideoBot, VideoChat etc., in Greater Chennai Police.	**EMD Amount: INR.3,94,887/-**

Tender publishing date and time : **24.12.2025 at 10.00 hrs.,**
Tender last date and time of submission : **12.01.2026 up to 14.00 hrs.,**
Bid document will be available in website **https://tntenders.gov.in**
Tender opening date and time : **12.01.2026 at 16.00 hrs.,**
Deputy Commissioner of Police, Headquarters, Greater Chennai Police, (Tender Inviting Committee)
DIPR/6771/Tender/2025

Government of Tamil Nadu
Thiruverkadu Municipality
Tender Notice
Form of contract : Item rate

Roc No: 2422/2024/E1 Dated: 22.12.2025

Bids are invited by the Commissioner, Thiruverkadu Municipality or his authorized person for **Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to a capacity 46.00 MLD on DBOT Basis in Thiruverkadu Municipality** at an estimate **cost-Rs.96.79 crores** under KFW assisted SMIF-TN-III through online only. The bid documents can be downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** at free of cost. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit will be 1% of the value put to tender and Processing fee for the package will be paid. Any additional / further details and conditions related to this tender can be had from engineering section of this office on all working days during office hours.

Important dates

1.	Bid document download from	**29.12.2025 at 10.00 AM Onwords**
2.	Date and time of Pre bid meeting (In Thiruverkadu Municipality, Commissioner Chamber)	**09.01.2026 at 11.00 AM**
3.	Last date and time for downloading bid documents	**11.02.2026 upto 3.00 PM**
4.	Last Date and time for submission of bid document (Online submission)	**11.02.2026 upto 3.00 PM**
5.	Date and time of opening of the Technical Bid	**11.02.2026 at 3.30 PM**

In the event of specified date for submission of bids is declared a holiday, bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. Date of opening of Price bid will be informed after scrutinizing the Technical bid to the eligible bidders.

Commissioner
DIPR / 6779 / Tender / 2025 — Thiruverkadu Municipality.

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No.KMSCL/ED/18/2025 Date : 20.12.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement Anti Cancer Drugs for the year 2026-27.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	No. of items
1.	KMSCL/ED/ACD/RC/2025/034 dtd. 20/12/2025	67

The last date and time of online uploading of tenders will be 07.01.2026, 5.00 pm. The date and time of opening of Technical bid will be 12.01.2026 11.00 am. Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.
(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

LONDON

Greta Thunberg arrested during pro-Palestinian protest in London

AP

British police arrested Swedish activist Greta Thunberg in London on Tuesday at a pro-Palestinian protest, U.K.-based campaign group Prisoners for Palestine said. It said Ms. Thunberg was arrested under the Terrorism Act for holding a sign that said "I support the Palestine Action prisoners. I oppose genocide". REUTERS

KYIV

Russian strike could collapse Chernobyl shelter: plant director

AFP

A Russian strike could collapse the internal radiation shelter at the defunct Chernobyl nuclear power station in Ukraine, the plant's director Sergiy Tarakanov has has said. A hit earlier this year punched a hole in the outer radiation shell, triggering a warning from the IAEA that it had "lost its primary safety functions". AFP

PESHAWAR

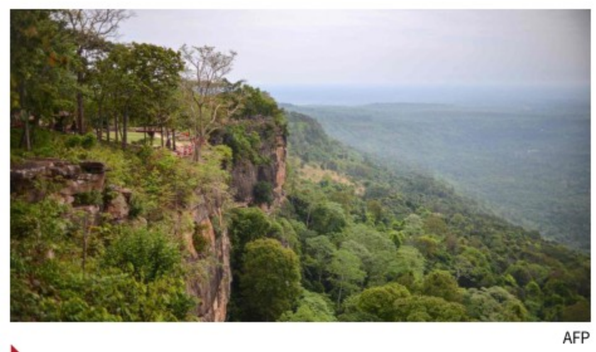
Five Pakistani police personnel killed in 'gun and bomb' attack

AFP

Five Pakistani police personnel were killed on Tuesday when their van was ambushed in a bombing and shooting attack in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province's Karak district, provincial police said, as Pakistan struggles with a resurgence of militant violence. No group has claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attack. REUTERS

BANGKOK

Thailand-Cambodia border peace meeting in doubt over venue row



AFP

Thailand on Tuesday rejected a request by Cambodia to hold bilateral talks in Malaysia, a neutral country, leaving a planned meeting to negotiate an end to deadly border clashes in doubt. Thai Defence Ministry said the meeting would go ahead in Thailand's Chanthaburi province from Wednesday as planned. AFP

Netanyahu sought a plan to evade Oct. 7 attack responsibility: ex-aide

Feldstein faces trial for 'leaking classified information'; critics have long accused Israeli PM of dodging accountability for the deadliest attack in country, amid his resistance to an independent state inquiry; Katz vows Israel will 'never leave Gaza'

Associated Press
Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

A former close aide to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that immediately following the October 2023 Hamas attack that triggered Israel's two-year war in Gaza, the Israeli leader instructed him to figure out how the premier could evade responsibility for the security breach.

Former Netanyahu spokesperson Eli Feldstein, who faces trial for allegedly leaking classified information to the press, made the explosive accusation during an extensive interview with Israel's Kan news channel on Monday night.

Caught off-guard: Palestinians celebrate by a destroyed Israeli tank at the Gaza Strip fence east of Khan Younis on October 7, 2023. AP

Critics have repeatedly accused Mr. Netanyahu of refusing to accept blame for the deadliest attack in Israel's history. But little is known about Mr. Netanyahu's behaviour in the days immediately following the attack, while the premier has consistently resisted an independent state inquiry.

Speaking to Kan, Mr. Feldstein said "the first task" he received from Netanyahu after Oct. 7, 2023, was to stifle calls for accountability.

"He asked me, 'What are they talking about in the news? Are they still talking about responsibility?'" Mr. Feldstein said. "He wanted me to think of something that could be said that would offset the media storm surrounding the question of whether the Prime Minister had taken responsibility or not."

He added that Mr. Netanyahu looked "panicked" when he made the request. Mr. Feldstein said he was later told by people in Mr. Netanyahu's close circle to omit the word "responsibility" from all statements.

Vows to stay

Elsewhere, Defence Minister Israel Katz on Tuesday vowed Israel will remain in Gaza and pledged to establish outposts in the north of the Palestinian territory, according to a video of a speech published by Israeli media.

Speaking at an event in the Israeli settlement of Beit El in the occupied West Bank, Mr. Katz said: "We are deep inside Gaza, and we will never leave Gaza – there will be no such thing."

Major Russian attack kills 3 in Ukraine, cuts power

Associated Press
KYIV

Russia fired more than 650 drones and three dozen missiles at Ukraine in a large-scale attack that began during the night and stretched into daylight hours on Tuesday, officials said. At least three people were killed, including a 4-year-old child, two days before Christmas.

The barrage struck homes and the power grid in 13 regions of Ukraine, causing widespread outages in bitter temperatures, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, a day after he described recent progress on finding a peace deal as "quite solid".

The bombardment demonstrated Russian President Vladimir Putin's intention of pursuing the invasion of Ukraine, Mr. Zelenskyy said in a post on the Telegram messaging app. Ukrainian and European officials have complained that Mr. Putin is not sincerely engaging with U.S.-led peace efforts.

An elderly man looks out of his broken window as an apartment building was hit by a Russian attack in Kyiv on Tuesday. AP

It was the ninth large-scale Russian attack on Ukraine's energy system this year and left multiple regions in the west without power, while emergency power outages were in place across the country, acting Energy Minister Artem Nekraso said.

Ukraine's largest private energy supplier, DTEK, said the attack targeted thermal power stations in what it said was the seventh major strike on the company's facilities since October.

Junta using violence, intimidation to force people to vote: UN

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN said on Tuesday Myanmar's junta was using violence and intimidation to force people to vote in upcoming military-controlled elections, while armed opposition groups were using similar tactics to keep people away.

"The military authorities in Myanmar must stop using brutal violence to compel people to vote and stop arresting people for expressing any dissenting views," UN rights chief Volker Turk said. He had earlier said that holding elections in Myanmar under current sitaution was "unfathomable".

Volker Turk

Myanmar's junta is set to preside over voting starting on December 28, touting heavily restricted polls as a return to democracy five years after it ousted the last elected government, triggering civil war.

International monitors have dismissed the vote as rebranding of martial rule.

Australian state set to pass tougher gun and hate speech laws

Reuters
SYDNEY

Australia's most populous state is set to pass tougher gun laws, ban the display of terrorist symbols and curb protests in an emergency sitting following the Bondi mass shooting, as authorities stepped up their response to the anti-Semitic attack.

Fifteen people were killed and dozens injured in the mass shooting at a Jewish Hanukkah celebration at Bondi on December 14, a shock attack that prompted calls for tougher gun laws and stronger action against anti-Semitism.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said earlier on Tuesday his government would address hate speech and gun control, working with the states on new laws. The terrorism and other legislation amendment Bill is expected to clear the upper house of the New South Wales Parliament on Tuesday.

The state's centre-left Labour government has proposed capping most individual gun licences at four firearms with farmers allowed as many as 10.

Although Australia tightened gun laws after a 1996 shooting that killed 35 people, a police firearms registry showed more than 70 people in New South Wales each own over 100 guns.

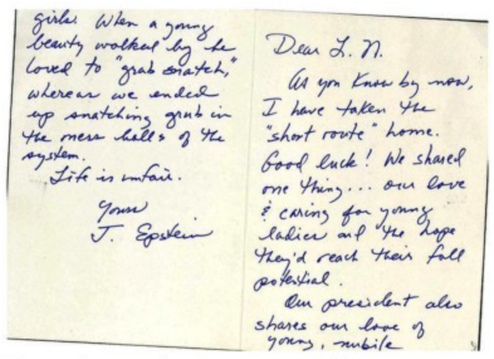
New batch of Epstein files contains multiple references to Donald Trump

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A new batch of Jeffrey Epstein files released on Tuesday contains numerous references to U.S. President Donald Trump, including documents detailing flights he took on his then-friend's private jet, and other mentions his Justice Department described as "untrue and sensationalist".

The latest release contains previously unseen material from the investigation into Epstein, a wealthy U.S. financier who died in jail in 2019 while awaiting trial for sex trafficking underage girls.

A first batch of heavily redacted files made public last Friday sparked criticism that the Justice Department was deliberately slow-walking the publication and excluding references to Mr. Trump.



A card that makes a crude reference to Donald Trump, purportedly written by Jeffrey Epstein to Larry Nassar. REUTERS

Mr. Trump figures prominently, however, in the thousands of documents published on Tuesday, even if many references are simply from press reports.

The Justice Department swiftly issued a statement defending the 79-year-old Republican.

"Some of these documents contain untrue and sensationalist claims made against President Trump that were submitted to the FBI right before the 2020 election," it said on X, without specifying which allegations were false.

Mr. Trump, who is not accused of any wrongdoing, fought for months to prevent release of the vast trove of documents about Epstein, already a convicted sex offender when the more serious trafficking case began.

Mr. Trump said on Monday that he did not approve of the file dumps, expressing concern that people who "innocently met" Epstein over the years risked having their reputations smeared.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Employment Notice No. CMP/02/GAZ/2025 Dated : 17-12-2025

Notification for walk-in-interview for engagement of Doctors as Specialist Contract Medical Practitioners and Contract Medical Practitioners (GDMOs) in Mysuru Division on Contract basis

Description of Work : South Western Railway, Mysuru Division is inviting applications to engage 03 Specialist Contract Medical Practitioners (01 UR, 01 SC, 01 EWS) as full time Medical Practitioners on contract basis for a period of one year or till the regular incumbents are posted whichever is earlier in Mysuru Division, South Western Railway.

Specialties required : Gynecologist, Orthopedic Surgeon, General Surgeon, Pediatrician, ENT Surgeon.

In the event that no suitable Specialist candidate is found suitable for engagement, or if no specialist candidate attends the walk-in-interview, the vacant posts will be filled by engaging Contract Medical Practitioners (GDMOs).

Venue of the Interview : Office of the Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, DRM Office Building Irwin Road, Mysuru - 570 001.

Date of Interview : 05-01-2026 (Monday) **Time :** 11:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs.

For full details of notification, aspirants may login to the web site: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in (About us. Divisions-Mysuru-Personnel Branch-Notification/Selections)

PUB/760/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Personnel Officer/ Co-ordination/Mysuru**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BSNL Building (Fourth Floor), Telephone House, Raj Bhawan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(See Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 r/w Rule 48 to 51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

RC No. 1215/2019 in T.A No. 1705/2017 (O.A No. 1081/2016)

BETWEEN:

Indian Overseas Bank, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru ...CERTIFICATE HOLDER/APPLICANT

Vs

Mr. N.Adarsh ...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS/DEFENDANT (CD)

Mr. N.Adarsh, S/o Nagesh, R/at No.21, 4th Cross, II Main, R.T.Nagar, Ganganagar Extension, Bengaluru-560032. ...CD

Whereas the above named Certificate Debtors were ordered by Recovery Certificate to pay to the Applicant Bank (Certificate Holder) a sum of **Rs.57,63,555/-(Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Five Only)** together with interest and costs as stated in the above Recovery Certificate from the date of filing O.A i.e 19.02.2016 till the date of realization and whereas the said sum has not been paid by the CDR.

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed or which shall be pointed out to you by the said certificate and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum as per R.C and the costs of this attachment to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the **Warrant on or before 02.04.2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

Schedule "A" Property as per RC
(Mortgaged by Defendant)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing:

Item No.	Property Details	Boundary	Location
1	Property No.29, Khatha No.21 and 13/2 Measuring East to West 20 feet, North to South 30 feet, Total Measuring 600 sq.ft.	East by: Remaining portion of Property No 29, West by: By Road, North by: Property No. 28, South by: Road.	Alahalli Village Amruthnagar Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk.
2	Property No.28, Old Khatha No.21 and 13/2, New Khatha No.864, House list No 28/331 Measuring East to West 23 feet, North to South 30 Feet, Total Measuring 775 Sq.Ft.	East by: Remaining portion of Property No 31, West by: Western portion sold and 5 feet passage, North by: Property No.27, South by: Property No 29.	Alahalli Village Amruthnagar Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk.
3	Property No.28, Old Khatha No.21 and 13/2, New Khatha No 864, House list No 28/331 Measuring East to West 17 Feet, North to South 25 Feet, Total Measuring 425 Sq.Ft.	East by: Remaining portion of Property No 28, West by: By Road, North by: 5 feet passage, South by: Property No.29 of the defendant.	Alahalli Village Amruthnagar Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk.

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TOP OF THE PILE

Deepti becomes the No. 1 T20I bowler in the ICC rankings

PTI

India all-rounder Deepti Sharma, on Tuesday, rose to the top of the ICC women's T20I bowling rankings for the first time in her career. She overtook Australia pacer Annabel Sutherland, moving to the No. 1 spot with 737 points. Smriti Mandhana continued to be the top-ranked Indian batter, occupying the third position.

NEW CHAPTER

Jemimah to helm Delhi Capitals in fourth edition of the WPL

FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

Jemimah Rodrigues has been named Delhi Capitals skipper for the fourth edition of the WPL. The 23-year-old, the first player Capitals bid for in the inaugural auction (2023), has featured in all 27 matches for the team, scoring 507 runs in 24 innings. DC released former skipper Meg Lanning before the recent mega auction.

INJURY SCARE

Cummins' T20 World Cup participation remains in doubt

REUTERS

Australia's Pat Cummins' chances of playing at the T20 WC are "grey at the moment" as he battles a back stress issue that has affected his participation in The Ashes. **Fourth Test squad:** Smith (Capt.), Boland, Carey, Doggett, Green, Head, Inglis, Khawaja, Labuschagne, Murphy, Neser, Richardson, Starc, Weatherald and Webster.

THE LINE-UP

AITA names India's squad for Davis Cup tie against Netherlands

K. MURALI KUMAR

The AITA selection committee on Tuesday named the India squad for the Davis Cup tie against the Netherlands to be played in Bengaluru on Feb. 7 and 8. The squad: Sumit Nagal, Dhakshineswar Suresh *(in pic)*, Karan Singh, Yuki Bhambri and Rithvik Bollipalli. Reserves: Aryan Shah, Anirudh Chandrashekhar and Digvijay Singh.

Women in Blue make light work of hapless Lanka

A disciplined bowling effort helps the host restrict the visitor to 128 for nine; Shafali stars in the run chase with an unbeaten 69 as India reaches the target with seven wickets and 49 deliveries to spare

SRI LANKA IN INDIA

Anirudh Velamuri
VISAKHAPATNAM

Be it the slow burn of the first T20I or the swift mercy of the second, the outcome remained the same, with a seven-wicket win for India at the ACA-VDCA Stadium here helping it take a 2-0 lead in the five-match series against Sri Lanka.

Perhaps more importantly, though, the evening marked a quiet redemption for Shree Charani.

After fumbling chances in the opener, she returned with surer hands, her two catches snuffing out any middle-order resistance from the Lankans.

The first of those helped Vaishnavi Sharma – who made her debut in the previous fixture, where a drop from Shree Charani denied her a maiden scalp – finally get off the mark in international cricket.

The visitor had learnt from its earlier mistakes, batting with intent and improved shot selection. But all the promise of the start tapered when it lost five wickets for just 19 runs (109 for four to 128 for nine).

Kranti Gaud caught Vishmi Gunaratne in the first over off her own bowling, which meant Chamari Athapaththu was forced to play rescuer again.

After an early reprieve, courtesy a Shree Charani slip-up in the deep, Chamari began to counterattack, the standout being a 72-metre six off Arundhati Reddy.

The onslaught was brief, as a miscued straight drive failed to clear long-off, where Amanjot Kaur completed a comfortable catch, drawing loud cheers from the partisan 6,000-strong crowd.

Hasini Perera and Harshitha Samarawickrama maintained urgency, with the latter smacking the still-inexperienced Vaishnavi for three successive boundaries.

Harmanpreet Kaur brought back Kranti, which helped stem the run flow, with just a solitary boundary coming in the next 28 deliveries.

Shree Charani used the simmering pressure to dismiss Hasini with a neat caught-and-bowled. Sri Lanka was once again handed lessons on grounding the bat, with Harshitha making the long walk back to the pavilion despite a well-timed dive.

The Indian chase defined the concept of a walk in the park, with Shafali Verma's scintillating unbeaten half-century – her 12th in the format – anchoring a pursuit that did the job with 49 balls to spare.

Showing the way: Sneh and Shafali were at the forefront of India's facile victory. K.R. DEEPAK

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA

Vishmi Gunaratne c & b Kranti 1 *(3b)*, Chamari Athapaththu c Amanjot b Sneh 31 *(24b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Hasini Perera c & b Shree Charani 22 *(28b, 3x4)*, Harshitha Samarawickrama run out 33 *(32b, 4x4)*, Kavisha Dilhari c Amanjot b Shree Charani 14 *(18b)*, Nilakshika Silva c Shree Charani b Vaishnavi 2 *(3b)*, Kaushini Nuthyangana run out 11 *(9b, 1x4)*, Shashini Gimhani c Smriti b Vaishnavi 0 *(1b)*, Kawya Kavindi run out 1 *(1b)*, Malki Madara (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-4, w-4): 12; Total (for nine wkts. in 20 overs): 128.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-2 (Vishmi, 0.6 overs), 2-38 (Chamari, 5.3), 3-82 (Hasini, 12.5), 4-104 (Harshitha, 16.2), 5-109 (Nilakshika, 17.1), 6-121 (Kavisha, 18.6), 7-122 (Shashini, 19.2), 8-126 (Kawya, 19.4), 9-128 (Kaushini, 19.6).

INDIA BOWLING

Kranti 3-0-21-1, Arundhati 3-0-22-0, Sneh 4-1-11-1, Amanjot 2-0-11-0, Vaishnavi 4-0-32-2, Shree Charani 4-0-23-2.

INDIA

Smriti Mandhana c Kawya b Kavisha 14 *(11b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Shafali Verma (not out) 69 *(34b, 11x4, 1x6)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c Kavisha b Kawya 26 *(15b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Harmanpreet Kaur b Malki 10 *(12b)*, Richa Ghosh (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (nb-2, w-7): 9; Total (for three wkts. in 11.5 overs): 129.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-29 (Smriti, 3.1), 2-87 (Jemimah, 7.4), 3-128 (Harmanpreet, 11.4).

SRI LANKA BOWLING

Malki 2.5-0-22-1, Kawya 3-0-32-1, Kavisha 2-0-15-1, Inoka 2-0-31-0, Chamari 1-0-17-0, Shashini 1-0-12-0.

Toss: India; **PoM:** Shafali.

India won by seven wickets with 49 deliveries remaining to lead five-match series 2-0.

Third T20I: December 26, Thiruvananthapuram, 7 p.m.

Despite losing Smriti Mandhana early, the strong Indian batting order barely broke a sweat. Even the otherwise commanding Inoka Ranaweera and Chamari were taken apart, with a burst of exhibition hitting yielding 48 runs in just three overs. If the pyrotechnics weren't enough, Chamari's warm congratulations to Shafali and the thrill of a quick win for a vocal fanbase proved the perfect concoction for a cold evening on the East Coast.

Persistence outlasts rejection for Samson

Siddharth Gopi
CHENNAI

Samson. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Not every cricketing journey is written in straight lines. Some are carved through detours, doubts, and long silences – and Sanju Samson's career is a powerful testament to resilience.

From a young age, Samson was destined to be different. After representing Kerala at the under-13 level, he quickly rose to captain the State at under-16 and under-19 categories, emerging as one of the highest run-scorers.

His promise turned him into a Rajasthan Royal as he earned his IPL debut in 2013, a season in which he won the Emerging Player award.

In 2014, he was named the vice-captain of India's under-19 World Cup team, finishing as the side's top run-scorer – seemingly on the fast track to global stardom.

But international cricket is unforgiving. After his T20I debut in 2015, opportunities became sporadic.

A recall in 2020 ended in disappointment, and what followed were years of injuries, inconsistency, and selection uncertainty. Despite domestic dominance, Samson found himself on the fringes, watching others cement roles that seemed just out of his reach. The Indian T20I setup looked settled, leaving little room for the wicketkeeper-opener.

Then came October 2024 – the turning point. Against Bangladesh, Samson smashed his maiden T20I century, a breathtaking 111 off 47 balls. What followed felt like destiny unfolding.

On the South Africa tour, he struck back-to-back centuries, becoming the first Indian batter to do so in T20Is, and later added a third, rewriting records and silencing doubters.

After a spell in the middle-order and being dropped from the XI, Samson is all set to return to the top for India's T20 World Cup title defence.

Samson's story underlines the fact that persistence outlasts rejection. After years of setbacks, resilience has finally earned him his place on the road to the 2026 T20 World Cup – not as a hopeful talent, but as a battle-hardened match-winner.

Watershed moment: Anand beat Shirov to become India's first World chess champion on December 24, 2000. FILE PHOTO

The silver jubilee of Anand's golden triumph

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

Anand. FILE PHOTO

The atmosphere is festive at the Royal Opera House on this pleasant Tuesday night. It is the final of the third season of the Global Chess League.

Before the final, there is the playoff for the third place between Ganges Grandmasters and PBG Alaskan Knights. And on the top board, the clash is between Viswanathan Anand and D. Gukesh, the reigning World chess champion.

Gukesh's older opponent – by only 37 years – has won the World title five times. Wednesday marks the 25th anniversary of the first of those titles. Anand won India's first World chess championship in Tehran on December 24, 2000.

It remains one of India's greatest sporting moments. Even now, it isn't often that an Indian wins the World title in a truly global, competitive sport.

A quarter of a century after that unforgettable Christmas Eve, Anand remains the most popular Indian chess player. You could see that yet again here during the past days of the GCL.

On the league's opening day, which was also the day when Lionel Messi was in the city, you met a young woman who paid ₹1,300 so that she could get to meet Anand, her sporting hero.

The legend from Chennai signed on her chessboard. Anand is not just the most loved of our top Grandmasters, he is the most accessible, too.

That he continues to play top level chess, though only occasionally, matters. His presence draws more people to an event. And chess, for all the achievements India has had over the last few years, still could do with more marketing.

The game in India wasn't anywhere near this big when Anand won his and India's first World title after beating Alexei Shirov in that one-sided final in the Iranian capital. The first part of that World championship was played in New Delhi, where he also charmed his fans who thronged Hotel Hyatt Regency.

Alpine SG Pipers crowned new GCL champion

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

Triumphant: Pipers ended Continental's two-year reign. GCL

The reign of Triveni Continental Kings is finally over. There is a new champion at the Global Chess League.

Alpine SG Pipers scored a convincing victory in the final over Continental Kings – the winner of the first two editions of the league – at the Royal Opera House here on Tuesday night.

It was indeed a superb show by SG Pipers, whose campaign hadn't got off to the brightest of starts, losing both its first matches. And it had reached the final in the most dramatic fashion, too, scoring just one more game point than Ganges Grandmasters in the league phase.

On the other hand, Continental Kings had reached the final with a round to spare. But this morning, the champion's coach Loek van Wely had said over breakfast: "In the final, we start at 0-0."

And the final certainly didn't go well for his team. After losing the first match 2-4, the defending champion had to win the second, while SG Pipers had needed only a draw.

But the SG Pipers won the second match by an even bigger margin - 4.5-1.5. Anish Giri shone brightest in the final for them, beating Wei Yi twice. But as coach Pravin Thipsay said, it had been a great team effort throughout the tournament, with contributions from Fabiano Caruana, R. Praggnanandhaa, Hou Yifan, Nino Batsiasvhvili and Leon Mendonca.

"We were keen to finish the final without going into tie-breaks," said Thipsay about the triumph that came in his hometown.

Earlier, PBG Alaskan Knights took the third place, beating Ganges Grandmasters in tie-breaks.

The results:

Final: Triveni Continental Kings lost to Alpine SG Pipers 2-4 (Alireza Firouzja bt Fabiano Caruana; Wei Yi lost to Anish Giri; Vidit Gujrathi drew with R. Praggnanandhaa; Zhu Jiner drew with Hou Yifan; Alexandra Kosteniuk lost to Nino Batsiashvili; MarcAndria Maurizzi lost to Leon Mendonca).

SG Pipers bt Continental Kings 4.5-1.5 (Caruana bt Firouzja; Giri bt Wei; Praggnanandhaa bt Vidit; Hou drew with Zhu; Batsiashvili lost to Kosteniuk; Mendonca bt Maurizzi).

Third place playoff: Ganges Grandmasters bt PBG Alaskan Knights 4-2 (Viswanathan Anand bt D. Gukesh; Vincent Keymer lost to Arjun Erigiasi; Javokhir Sindarov bt Leinier Dominguez; Polina Shuvalova bt Kateryna Lagno; Stavroula Tsolakidou lost to Sarasadat Khademalsharieh; Raunak Sadhwani bt Daniel Dardha).

Knights bt Ganges 3.5-2.5 (Gukesh drew with Anand; Arjun bt Keymer; Dominguez bt Sindarov; Lagno lost to Shuvalova; Khademalsharieh lost to Stavroula; Dardha bt Sadhwani).

Tie-breaks: Ganges lost to Knights 2.5-3.5 (Anand drew with Gukesh; Keymer lost to Arjun; Sindarov bt Dominguez; Shuvalova lost to Lagno; Stavroula lost to Khademalsharieh; Sadhwani bt Dardha).

Knights bt Ganges 4-2 (D. Gukesh bt Viswanathan Anand; Arjun Erigaisi bt Vincent Keymer; Leinier Dominguez bt Javokhir Sindarov; Kateryna Lagno bt Polina Shuvalova; Sarasadat Khademalsharieh lost to Stavroula Tsolakidou; Daniel Dardha bt Raunak Sadhwani).

(The writer is in Mumbai at the invitation of Tech Mahindra).

INBRIEF

Injured Alexander Isak undergoes ankle surgery

Liverpool striker Alexander Isak faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines after the Premier League champion revealed he had surgery on a fractured ankle on Monday. "Alexander Isak today successfully underwent surgery on the injury he sustained on Saturday," a Liverpool statement said.

HAZARE TROPHY — WEDNESDAY'S FIXTURES

Elite: Group A (Ahmedabad): Pondicherry vs. Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh vs. Rajasthan, Jharkhand vs. Karnataka, Kerala vs. Tripura.
Group B (Rajkot): Chandigarh vs. Jammu & Kashmir, Assam vs. Baroda, Hyderabad vs. Uttar Pradesh, Bengal vs. Vidarbha.
Group C (Jaipur): Mumbai vs. Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh vs. Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh vs. Goa, Maharashtra vs. Punjab.
Group D (Bengaluru): Odisha vs. Saurashtra, Haryana vs. Railways, Andhra vs. Delhi, Gujarat vs. Services.
Plate (Ranchi): Arunachal Pradesh vs. Bihar, Manipur vs. Nagaland, Meghalaya vs. Mizoram.

Harmanpreet, Savita to lead Soorma Hockey Club in HIL

Harmanpreet Singh and Savita will continue to lead Soorma Hockey Club's men's and women's teams in the upcoming Hockey India League. Salima Tete will serve as the co-captain of the women's team.

Karnataka 263 for five against Andhra

Rohith Reddy (92) took Karnataka to 263 for five against Andhra on the opening day of its Vijay Merchant Trophy (under-16) match at Bhilai on Tuesday.

The scores: Karnataka 262/5 in 92 overs (Rohith Reddy 92, Arush Jain 36, S. Anirudh 71 batting) vs Andhra.

Neres the hero as Napoli claims Super Cup crown

Napoli won the Italian Super Cup on Monday as David Neres scored twice to secure the reigning Serie A champion a 2-0 win over Bologna in the final. Traditionally featuring Serie A and Italian Cup champion, since 2023 the Cup has also included runner-up from league and cup.

The result (final): Napoli 2 (Neres 39, 57) bt Bologna 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Vijay Hazare Trophy: JioHotstar, 9 a.m.

Kohli and Rohit in focus as Indian cricket's *creme de la creme* take guard

The former skippers will turn up for Delhi and Mumbai respectively from the opening round; the 50-over champion will be crowned on Jan. 18

HAZARE TROPHY

Anish Pathiyil
RAJKOT

For the second year in a row, the annual domestic one-day tournament, the Vijay Hazare Trophy (VHT), commences with the clamour surrounding the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction already settled.

While interest from IPL franchises and their team of scouts may be more relaxed, the presence of the Indian team aristocracy is sure to pique the curiosity and allure.

With less than 24 months to go for the ICC ODI World Cup 2027, former captains Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma will take the field looking to whet their tools and, in the process, impart wisdom to those embarking upon their initial steps at the domestic level.

Rohit has confirmed his availability for Mumbai's first two Group C matches in Jaipur. Kohli, too, will feature in Delhi's opening Group D encounters in Bengaluru, with Rishabh Pant leading the side.

A brief recess in India's international commitments after the multi-format South Africa series also allows some national team regulars, including Shubman Gill, Arshdeep Singh, Hardik Pandya and Sanju Samson, to maintain match sharpness by turning up for their States.

A couple of spots in India's ODI set-up are up for grabs, and if the precedent set by Ishan Kishan's inclusion in the T20 World Cup squad is anything to go by, a strong showing in VHT 2025 could propel players into the 50-over World Cup conversation.

One player who will attract eyeballs is pacer Mohammed Shami, who last played in the Indian Blues during the Champions Trophy. The 35-year-old did not get a look-in for the recent ODI assignment against the Proteas, despite India resting Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj.

He will need performances that will break the selection door down for Bengal in Group B in Rajkot.

For the first time since 2021, the tournament will see the return of a Plate Group comprising six teams: Nagaland, Meghalaya, Bihar, Manipur, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.

This decision makes the contest in the four Elite groups significantly tougher, with only the top two out of eight contenders qualifying for the quarterfinals.

Defending champion Karnataka finds itself in the group of death (Group A) alongside Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy winner Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and fellow five-time winner Tamil Nadu. The Group A matches will take place across four venues in Ahmedabad.

After the completion of the group stage on January 8, 2026, the bandwagon will shift to the BCCI Centre of Excellence for the knockout rounds.

The domestic 50-over champion will be crowned on January 18.

All eyes on the King: Kohli's exploits will be keenly followed as he returns to the domestic circuit. PTI

Pink City rolls out the red carpet for Hitman Rohit Sharma

Shayan Acharya
JAIPUR

It felt like a festival at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium on Tuesday. The stands, which until recently were covered with a thick growth of bushes, were being cleaned up hurriedly; the ad-hoc committee members of the Rajasthan Cricket Association rushed to organise a quick felicitation programme (which eventually didn't materialise); die-hard cricket fans waited patiently for hours.

And all this for one man – Rohit Sharma.

Following the BCCI's mandate, Rohit will be turning up for Mumbai in the first two fixtures of the Vijay Hazare Trophy, beginning with the game against Sikkim on Wednesday.

Rohit sweated it out in the nets for a couple of hours before inspecting the pitch, which looked flat.

Coming on the back of a disappointing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy campaign, where Mumbai missed out on the final by a whisker, Rohit's presence has been a huge boost for the team, which will be without Ajinkya Rahane, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Suryakumar Yadav.

Value addition: Rohit's presence will be a fillip for the Mumbai players. R.V. MOORTHY

"Rohit has always been a guiding force for youngsters. We have seen that in the Indian team as well, where he gets a lot of praise from youngsters and fellow teammates... I can already see that he is continuing with that job," said Mumbai captain Shardul Thakur.

Fan frenzy

While Rohit's participation in the tournament has led to fan frenzy, there are also debates on whether it makes any sense to include star players for just two games as it eventually affects the team balance.

Shardul, however, disagreed.

"Mumbai team is always known to have a lot of international players. Because of the kind of cricket that we play and the quality we have, a lot of players go and represent the Indian team. But when they come back, they absolutely play like a professional," Shardul said.

The Sikkim cricketers, too, hope to pick Rohit's brains after the 'biggest match' of their career.

Kohli all set to bridge a 12-year gap

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The last time Virat Kohli played a List A fixture that was not an ODI was way back in September 2013 when he led Delhi against India Blue in the final of the NKP Salve Challenger Trophy.

On Wednesday, he is set to bridge that gap of 12 years and a little more when Delhi takes on Andhra in its Vijay Hazare Trophy Elite Group-D opener here. The contest, however, will be played at the BCCI Centre of Excellence in the city's outskirts after the Karnataka government refused permission for M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. The tie will be behind closed doors as the CoE doesn't have seating arrangements.

The fixture was originally scheduled to be held at the Alur Grounds, but once Kohli's participation became certain, it was sought to be moved to the Chinnaswamy Stadium.

But hosting matches there was always conditional to the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) implementing the recommendations of the Justice Michael D'Cunha report, formulated as part of the investigation into the death of 11 people in a stampede during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's title-winning celebrations on June 4, 2025.

On Tuesday, the review committee that was formed to consider KSCA's request to conduct matches did not give the go-ahead, citing non-compliance.

When Kohli turned out for a Ranji Trophy match earlier this year after a near-identical gap, more than 12,000 fans turned up at the Feroz Shah Kotla.

In Bengaluru, it remains to be seen how many will brave the nearly 50km distance from the city centre to catch a glimpse of one of their favourite stars, from outside the compound wall and through the barbed wires.

In all probability, a free-spirited cricketer with infinite zeal will play with no resonant energy from the stands to bounce off.

Jimenez's penalty streak continues

EURO LEAGUES

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LONDON

A record-equalling first-half penalty from Raul Jimenez gave Fulham a 1-0 win over lowly Nottingham Forest in the Premier League.

An uneventful first half came to life seconds before half-time when Fulham was awarded a spot kick following a foul by Douglas Luiz on his fellow Brazilian Kevin. Mexican striker Jimenez scored for the 11th time in 11 attempts to preserve his 100% conversion record in the league. Only one other player, Yaya Toure, has scored 11 out of 11 penalties in the competition.

Jimenez. REUTERS

Espanyol won a fifth consecutive LaLiga game, coming from behind to prevail at Athletic Bilbao 2-1 and stay within striking distance of the top four.

The results: Premier League: Fulham 1 (Jimenez 45+5-pen) bt Nottingham Forest 0.
LaLiga: Athletic Bilbao 1 (Berenguer 38) lost to Espanyol 2 (Romero 44, Milla 52).

Class is useful, but form is everything in a T20 team

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Selectors are a strange lot, doing the strange job of looking into the future armed with little more than scorecards, instinct, and the knowledge that whatever they do will be dissected by players former, current, aspiring, and people who last held a bat at a school picnic. Theirs is a peculiar role: invisible when successful, infamous when not. There are always those with an unshakeable faith in the man who is not selected.

The selectors' job is to pick winning teams, which sounds simultaneously obvious and odd. Winning is the final justification for any team picked on any criterion from performance to politics. The World Cup is for winning, not building for the future or playing fantastic cricket without a trophy to show for it. Cricket, which for generations emphasised the process over the result, now has a format where the result alone matters.

India have picked their T20 World Cup squad some three weeks ahead of deadline.

Co-hosts Sri Lanka are the only other team to have done so, announcing a 25-member preliminary squad. Changes can be made later, which means the five-match series against New Zealand next month might have a role to play still.

If India win the World Cup in Feb-March, then the team will be seen as an inspired selection. If they don't, the air will be full of 'I-told-you-so', and recriminations. The selectors, of course pick the team before the event, the criticism comes in hindsight.

Not a science

Team selection is not a science because cricket is not only about numbers (if that were the case, a calculator could pick the team based solely on averages and strike-rates). Importantly, selectors make judgement calls. An enduring cliché is: form is temporary, class is permanent. And this is where there is a fundamental divide between team selection for Tests and T20. Class carries greater weight in the longer game, but, as Shubman Gill (among others) has discovered, in T20 form trumps all. Gill is a world-class player, and India's best batter, but he hasn't made a 50 in T20I this year.

You could assume that in Test cricket he would play himself into form, as he did so brilliantly on the last England tour where he made his first century outside the subcontinent, and then added another three. But T20 doesn't look for balance in the Test match sense. It looks to manage uncertainty, and to have both captain Suryakumar Yadav and vice-captain Gill struggling ahead of the competition might be a compromise too far.

As former England batter and selector Ed Smith has pointed out, T20 is a game of restrictions.

A team plays just 120 deliveries, bowlers can send down only four overs each, there are field restrictions and time limits. T20, which began as a game of possible strokes made consistently has evolved into one of implausible strokes. It hasn't changed in one sense – see ball hit ball was the original philosophy and that remains – but is unrecognisable in another, in how these shots are made.

Plan and counter-plan

This change has been led by the franchise leagues around the world. Every plan quickly finds a counter-plan among analysts in the opposition. The trick, then, is to break pattern, to become unpredictable and surprise the rivals.

A 'balanced' team in a Test match sense might not be a team capable of winning. Sometimes lopsidedness might be the answer. Every team needs a disruptor, a player who is capable of inventing shots spontaneously and is given the confidence by the management to override failures. 'Balance' suggests harmony, but often means compromise. India's young players show a fearlessness and lack of selfishness that the team was once famous for, and this has taken them to the top of the rankings.

T20 is an intriguing format. What works in one season or tournament might not work at another. Selectors have to be constantly ahead of the curve; specialist selectors might be the norm soon.

Arguments about selection are seldom about cricket, though.

They are about belief – the belief that somewhere, just outside the team, is a player who would have made all the difference. In a game built on glorious uncertainty, that might be the most comforting constant of all.

Government of Karnataka

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No.: ACF:Koppa:Tender:18/2025-26 Date: 16-12-2025

Public Tender Notice

E-tender (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) is invited on 29-12-2025 for the construction work of Group Housing for Frontline Personnel at Muttinakoppa, Narasimhara japura Zone,Koppa Forest Division, during the year 2025-26. The estimated cost of the work stipulated in the tender is Rs.67,79,661/- (excluding GST). The tenderer shall participate in the e-tender as per the conditions specified in the e-tender notification dated 16-12-2025, and the tender shall be subject to all the terms and conditions mentioned therein. For more information, details can be obtained from the portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in .

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests and Technical Assistant to Deputy Conservator of Forests Koppa Division, Koppa

DIPR/CKM/KSMCA/124/25-26/1454

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಅ।:ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:42:2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ 04 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ(2ನೇ ಕರೆ) 01, ಒಟ್ಟು 05 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91–8046010000 +91–8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿ: 22–12–2025
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ:29–12–2025 ಸಮಯ 16.00
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ:–29–12–2025 ಸಮಯ 17.00
ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30–12–2025 ಸಮಯ 17.30

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/578/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು

ಬೇಗೂರು ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ – 560 100
e-Mail:ka.doddathoguru.tp@gmail.com | Web: www.doddathoguru.mrc.gov.in

ಸಂ.ದೊಪಪಂ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಟೆ.ಪ್ರ/02/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.12.2025

ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯ ಸ್ವಂತ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿಯ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅದರಂತೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆದು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

Sl No	Indent No.
01	DMA/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT47192/Call-2
02	DMA/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT39191/Call-2
03	DMA/2025-26/WT/WORK_INDENT41766/Call-2

1. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.01.2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4:00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.** 2. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.01.2026ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 080–22111177. ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: **ka.doddathoguru.tp@gmail.com**

ಸಹಿ/–
ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ,
ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/ಚಿಎ/4633/2025–26

ಸಹಿ/–
ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ,
ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು.

ODISHA COMPUTER APPLICATION CENTRE

ocac

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Enq.No.:-OCAC-NEGP-INFRA-0034-2025-25116

OCAC invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Comprehensive Product Warranty Support extension of existing Switches and Security Devices installed at Odisha State Data Centre (OSDC), Bhubaneswar. For details please visit websites www.ocac.in & www.odisha.gov.in. **The bid shall be submitted in electronic mode only in the portal https://enivida.odisha.gov.in latest by 15.01.2026, 2.00 P.M.** OCAC reserves the right to accept/ reject any/ all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

General Manager(Admin), OCAC, Plot No.-N-1/7-D, Acharya Vihar, P.O.-RRL, Bhubaneswar-751013, Ph.-2567280/ 2567064/ 2567295

U-41 OIPR-16003/11/0161/2526

KARNATAKA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED

KMF Complex, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bengaluru-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 255 36789 fax: 080-25536105 E-mail: kmfengg@gmail.com

IFT No: KMF/ENGG/M DYRI-400CFM COMPRESSOR/2207/2025-26 Date: 22-12-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

[Two cover System] [Through KPP Portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender from the eligible Contractors/ Firms through KPPP-Portal for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested and reputed Manufacturer/firms who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website **https://www.kppp.karantaka.gov.in** and also contact **Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com** and **helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 400CFM capacity oil free Air cooled rotary Air compressor with inbuilt HOC drum type Air dryer to ICP section Mother dairy, Yelahanka	1 Job	2,95,500/-	4 Months

1. Tender may be downloaded from dated: **24-12-2025 to 31-12-2025 upto 4:00 pm. 2.** Last date for Tender submission on date: **31-12-2025 upto 4:00 pm. 3.** Pre–bid meeting on **29-12-2025 at 11-30 AM. 4.** Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: **1-1-2026 at 4:30 pm.**

For Karnataka Milk Federation Limited
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, BNCC, Zone-2
2nd Floor, BNCC (old BBMP) Bulding, Opp To Indira Canteen,
JC Nagar Main Road, Munireddy Palya, Bengaluru-560006

No:BNCC-Z2/EE/HBL/PR/05/2025-26 Date: 23.12.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover system) (Short term- Tender Notification)

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Hebbala Division, Bangalore North City Corporation, Zone -2, Bengaluru, BNCC invites tenders from eligible Contractors firm registered in Bengaluru North City Corporation or equivalent registration with Labour Department or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Collection of parking fees for Tank bund Road, Taralabalu Road and Bhoopasandra Main Road in Hebbal division. **Est Cost : Rs. 50,00,000.00, EMD : Rs. 1,00,000.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender Documents can be uploaded in E-Portal from **26.12.2025. (2)** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **09.01.2026 at 15:00 Hrs,** Chief Engineer-Zone-2, Bengaluru North City Corporation, 3rd Floor, Mini Vidhanasouda, NES Circle, Yalahanka New Town Bangalore-560006. **(3)** Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals is **26.01.2026 up to 16:00 hours. (4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **27.01.2026 after 16:30 hours. (5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid will be after Approval of Technical BID.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, Zone-2, BNCC

KARNATAKA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

No.16, 2nd Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001
Ph: 080-22867369
https://krama.karnataka.gov.in/, email:cgmksamb@gmail.com

No. K.S.A.M.B. / Div/ Proc / F. No. 82/ 3528 /2025-26 Date: 23.12.2025

Tender-cum-e-Auction NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board is inviting Tender cum e - auction for Disposal of Jowar procured in 2023-24 MSP and Stored at Bellary Unit-02 Warehouse of Karnataka State Warehouse Corporation. Additional information for participation in Tender-cum-e-auction can be obtained from **www.kppp.karanataka.gov.in** portal through vide indent No: APMC/2025-26/AUCTION107, The Last date for submission of Bids in 06.01.2026.

Sd/-
Chief General Manager

DIPR/CP/4628/SHIRDI SAI/2025-26

KARNATAKA CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED

KMF Complex, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bengaluru-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 fax: 080-25536105 E-mail: kmfengg@gmail.com

IFT No: KMF/ENGG/ CFPS- 150 CFM Air Compressor /02190/2025-26 Date: 23-12-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

[Two cover System] [Through KPP Portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites Short term tender from the eligible manufacturers/ authorised dealer through KPP Portal for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested manufacturers /Suppliers who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website **https://www.kppp.karantaka.gov.in** and also contact **Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 150 CFM Air Compressor and related works at Shikaripur Cattle Feed Plant .	1 Job	72,000/-	3 months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: **24-12-2025 to 31-12-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 2.** Last date for Tender submission on date: **31-12-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 3.** Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: **01-01-2026 at 4:30 PM.**

For Karnataka Milk Federation Limited
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BANGALORE

Estate Office, GKVK campus, Bangalore-560065

No. EO/TN/19/2025-26 DATED: 19.12.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document KW1 and KW3 from the registered KPWD/PWD/Contractors for the Sl. No.1 to 6. The details of the notification, tender document, specifications are available in the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-Procurement payment modes.

The above works are under Two Cover system. The details for two cover system is to be uploaded as per Standard Tender Document.

The Blank Tender Documents can be down loaded from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date and time for uploading is **30.12.2025 upto 4.00 P.M**. The Technical Bid will be opened on **01-01-2026 at 10.30 A.M.** The Financial Bid will be opened on **03.01.2026 at 10.30 A.M.** For more details please contact e-portal help desk at **support@eprochelpdesk.com** or 8046010000/ 8068948777/ 9240214000/ 9240214001 on working days and this office during working hour, Phone No.080-23332765.

Sd/-
Estate Officer

DIPR/CP/4627/NR/2025-26

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

"Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 590018, Karnataka

Ref.No: VTU/BGM/RE/2025-26/IFT No.112/4980 Date: 22-12-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) - (Through KPP Portal Only)

The e-Tender are invited in duplicate from eligible Tenderers, registered Contractor, by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi - 18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the work of **Construction of Balance Additional Floor to Class Rooms and Labs (Second Floor) at Newly Constructed Class Room Complex Building to UG / PG Courses (including Electrification, Networking and Installing Air-Conditioners) at VTU, Regional Centre, Kalaburagi. Amounting to Rs. 2,22,13,771/- (Excluding GST).** Other details log on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 23-12-2025.**

Sd/- Registrar
VTU, Belagavi

DIPR/Belagavi/1525/Adverto/2025-26

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IFT No: KMF/ENGG/ Boiler Pre-Heater tube replacement -Shikaripur /02056/2025-26 Date: 23-12-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

[Two cover System] [Through KPP Portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites term tender from the eligible manufacturers/ authorised dealer through KPP Portal for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested manufacturers /Suppliers who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website **https://www.kppp.karantaka.gov.in** and also contact **Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.**

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Air pre-heater tube replacement and related works at Boiler section to Cattle feed plant- Shikaripura.	1 Job	42,500/-	5 months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: **24-12-2025 To 08-01-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 2.** Last date for Tender submission on date: **08-01-2026 upto 4.00 PM. 3.** Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: **09-01-2026 at 4:30 PM.**

For Karnataka Milk Federation Limited
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bengaluru Division,
2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle,
Bengaluru-01, Phone: 080-22133370

No. 46/2025-26 Date: 23.12.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD, **North, Anekal, Nelamangala & Doddaballapura Sub-Division** under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP. Tender Notification is Publised for **15 works (Rs.10.00 to 500.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP Portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl.No.01 to 11: (1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal **on or before 4.00 P.M. on: 02.01.2026 (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal on: **03.01.2026 at 4.30 P.M.** or further date and time will be Intimated.

Sl.No.12 to 15: (1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal **on or before 4.00 P.M. on : 08.01.2026 (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal on: **09.01.2026 at 4.30 P.M.** or further date and time will be Intimated. For more details contact this office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer

DIPR/DD-C.P/4631/KSMCA/2025-26

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department

Office of the Director, No. 34, Lotus Towers, Race Course Road, Bangalore -560 001

No. STWD/PMU-02/CR-04/2024-25 Date:22.12.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP portal only)

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department is invited tenders against G. O. No. STW/SECB/TSP/18/2025 dtd. 18.09.2025 for providing Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) services to help in the effective implementation of State and Central Government programmes / schemes on outsource basis through E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home** The eligible bidders can apply the tender through E-Procurement Portal.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Last date for submission of tender	Approx. Tender Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Providing Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) services to help in the effective implementation of State and Central Government programmes / schemes on outsource basis.	06.01.2026	54.51 (Including GST)

Note: More details can be had from the KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home** or office of The Director, Scheduled Tribes welfare Department during office hours. Contact No. 080-22261787.

Sd/- Deputy Director,
Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department
Bengaluru

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KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Central Office, Bengaluru Board Secretary Branch

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 09 Dated: 12/12/2025

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or (Commercial offers) through e-procurement portal **http://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in** are invited for supply of the following Goods/Services/

Tender Nos as per E-portal	Nomenclature of Items/ Services/ Equipment	Tender Value in crores (Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @ 17.00hrs
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0260	Procurement of GHT Bolt & GHT U Bolt with Nyloc Nuts	1.30	14/01/2026
KSRTC/2025-26/IND0261	Procurement of Thin walled Bearing	0.75	14/01/2026
	SHORT TERM TENDER		
KSRTC/2025-26/ SE2190	Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services on Contract Basis to Divisions of KSRTC.	17.00	02/01/2026

Corrigendum: Tender No: KSRTC/2025-26/IND0225 Procurement of Tyre, Tube Flap sets, Tubeless Tyres and Additional Tubes & Flaps, has been cancelled due to technical reason and retendered as Short Term tender No. KSRTC/2025-26/IND0258.

Further any addendum /corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope of work other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded/ published through e-portal only.

NOTE:- Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone. No. 080-46010000/080-68948777). Interested bidders may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to **Support@eprochelpdesk.com** for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance from KSRTC, can communicate at **cosp@ksrtc.org,** (contact: 7760990225, 7760990224)

Sd/-
CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES
(Tender Inviting Authority)

DIPR/CP/4640/Zen/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, KALABURAGI

Near Dhaded Hospital, Railway station (E-Wan Shahi) Road, KALABURAGI-585102,
Telephone No.08472-278659, E-mail id : ddwcdglb@gmail.com

No.WCD/DDO/Saksham.CS/C.S./M.P/ETP/2025-26/ Date:17.12.2025

E-TENDER PUBLICATION

Subject : Regarding the issuance of E-Tender for the purchase of equipment for Anganwadi centers under "Clean Storage Facility" at Saksham anganwadi centres in Kalaburagi district for the year 2024-25 (Through the E-Procurement of the Government of Karnataka)

Reference: Hon'ble joint Director (ICDS) Division, Women and Child Development Department, Bangalore : WCD/ICDS/BLD/6/2025/EN:1724063 Dated:/12/2025

In the year 2024-25 the department of Women and Child Development, Kalaburagi District has invited E-Tenders for the purchase of equipment under the "Clean Storage Facility" for the said centres in connection with the upgrading of 542 own Anganwadi centers into "Saksham" Anganwadi under the Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 Scheme. The complete details related to the tender are available on the Department's E procurement portal address. Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

SN, Description : 1) Commencement date : **17.12.2025 upto time 4.30,** 2) Last Date & Time for tender Upload, Queries & Clarification.: date : **09.01.2026 time 05.30**, 3) Estimated amount for tender : **Rs.54,20,000**- only, 4) Amount of E.M.D. **Rs.1,08,400/-** (Rs.One Lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred only) 5) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid : **Date 12.01.2026 11.00 AM,** 6) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid : date : **19.01.2026, 11.00 am**, 7) Office details to contact for further details regrding tender : Deputy Director Women and Child Development , Anand Rathi Building Near Railway Station VG Womens College Road Kalaburagi, e-mail: ddwcdglb@gmail.com Ph.No. 08472-278659, 8) Pre Tender Bid Meeting Date & Time : **29.12.2025 3.00 pm**.

For more details you can contact the Deputy Director, Women and Child Development Department Kalaburagi, at his office or During office hours at telephone number: 08472-278659

Sd/- District Programe Officer
Women and Child Development
Department, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/879/Deshpande Publicity/2025-26

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ- 561203

ಸಂ.: DPA/TP/CLU/50/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2025

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961 ರ ಕಲಂ 14 (ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು (RTC ರನ್ವಯ)	ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು	ಹೋಬಳಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮ	ಸ.ನಂ	ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಎ–ಗು)	ಬಿಐಎಎಪಿಎಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಮಹಾಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ	ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿರುವ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ
1.	ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ದೊಡ್ಡಮುನಿಶಾಮಪ್ಪ	ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ	ಮಧುರೆ	ಗೌಡಹಳ್ಳಿ	6/1	3–27	ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ	ವಸತಿ

ಷರಾ: ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಕಾನೂನುಬದ್ಧವಾದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳು ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಕೂಲಿಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ದೊರಕುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಯೋಜನಾಬದ್ಧವಾದ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸ ರಚನೆಯಿಂದ ಉತ್ತಮ ರಸ್ತೆ, ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಜಾಗಗಳು, ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಗಳು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕೆ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ' ವಲಯದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ' ವಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

District Health & Family Welfare Office, Tumkur. Karnataka

E-mail ID-dhotumkur@gmail.com, Ph : 0816–2275230

No:NPCB/TUMK/279A/2025-26 Date: 04.06.2025

Short Term Tender Notification

Under National Blindness Control Program & Visual Impairment Program in the year 2025-26 Short term tender has been invited on behalf of District Health Society, Tumkur for procurement of Spectacles through KPP Portal (E-Tender) under 2 cover system. Interested bidders can obtain Tender documents from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp website. For more information contact District Leprosy Office, DHO Office Complex, Near Amanakere, Tumkur – 572101 and Mobile number:- 9448416330.

Sl. No	Supply Spectacles as per Technical Specificaiton	Tender Amount (in lakhs)	EMD Amount	E-Tender Floating Date in KPP portal	Last Date of Uploading in KPP Portal	E-Tender Opening Date
1.	Supply of PRESBYOPIC Glasses for aged 45 years and above and prescription glasses	Rs.77,00,000/-	Rs.1,54,000/- (2%)	22/12/2025	29/12/2025	30/12/2025
2.	Supply of Free Spectacles to School Children with refractive error	Rs.16,10,000/-	Rs.40,250/- (2.5%)		Within 4:00 pm	4:00 pm

Sd/-District Health and Family Welfare Office, Tumkur.

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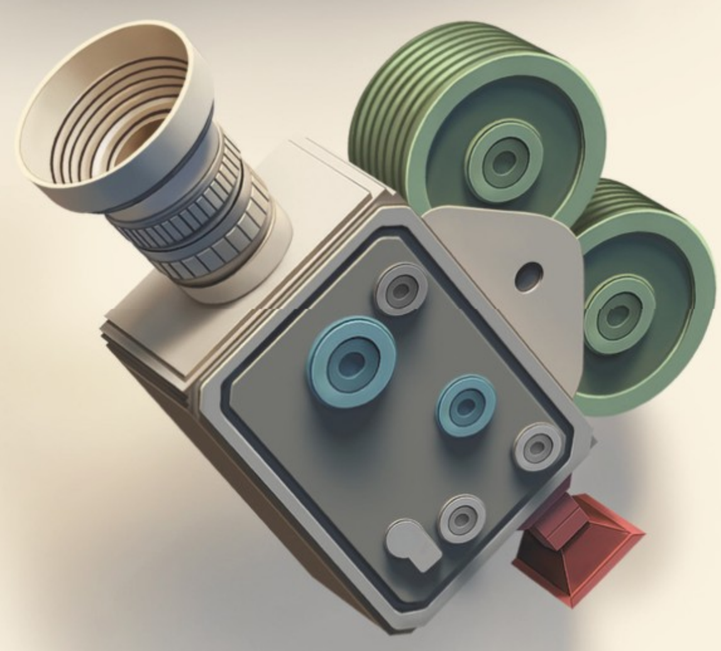

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